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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Israel's Proposals

THE Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, has returned to Washington with new instructions from his government on the Middle East situation and following his first conversations with the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, there are hopes "that a solution will be found." It is hard to say, as yet, whether this is a pious expression of concern meaning no more than that Mr. Dulles, like everyone else, hopes a solution will be found, or whether it is a comment based on some new prospect that emerged at the meeting.

Mr. Eban feels his instructions "should certainly bring about a constructive and fair solution." If an American report from Washington is to be believed these contain five points, two dealing with use of the Gulf of Aqaba and three with the Gaza strip. Those dealing with Gaza do not appear to go beyond Israel's earlier statement of intentions on this zone. They do not indicate specifically that Israel is willing to withdraw civilian control, nor do they stipulate how long UN occupation is desired.

THE reported condition made is that Israel would only withdraw if the Egyptians do not return. This would suggest that administration would remain either in the hands of the present occupying power or be taken over by the United Nations. This latter course, however, tends to extend beyond the UN's specific powers of reference in the current Middle East crisis. Doubtless its permanent occupation of large parts of the Arab-Israeli border zone would contribute substantially to peace and stability but this would hardly be an ideal long-term "solution" to the problem.

However the problem today is less to effect a solution, which is Israel's need and, indeed, desire, than to effect a withdrawal upon which Egypt and a number of Arab nations are carrying their insistence to the point of threatening stringent sanctions. Israel has little to fear from diplomatic isolation by the Arabs. What is of greater concern is the attitude of other nations, and particularly the United States. Admittedly a vote for sanctions does not necessarily bind all United Nations members to this course of action. The present trend of feeling in America appears to be that while the President and some members of his government favour stronger action against Israel, powerful forces within the country are thoroughly opposed to the idea. The ensuing deadlock has given rise to reports of "moral sanctions" being considered as an alternative to the more drastic moves planned by certain Afro-Asian states.

AMERICA's clear hope is that the question of sanctions will not reach the voting stage in the United Nations and that the latest proposals of Mr. Abba Eban will provide the basis for an agreed withdrawal. In view of growing world concern at Israel's non-compliance with frequent resolutions, this hope will be shared by many more countries, particularly those in the West who are now anxious to restore destroyed oil links in the Middle East and to resume shipping through the Suez Canal.

Desirable as this state of affairs is, it is only fair that Israel's rights should be considered, particularly freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba. If Mr. Dulles keeps these in mind, he may be certain that his efforts at mediation will meet with a more lively response, and ultimately a greater and more durable success.

Israel's Reported 5 Proposals

New York, Feb. 24. The American Broadcasting Company said today it had learned the details of the new Israeli proposals the Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, brought to the United States. The report, by Martha Levin, ABC correspondent in Jerusalem, said there were five proposals:

1. That Egypt agree to the passage of American merchant ships in the Gulf of Aqaba to serve as a guarantee Egypt would not close the waterway as she did the Suez Canal.
2. United States support at the United Nations of a Canadian proposal put forth recently by Mr. Lester Pearson. The proposal would place an international naval force in the Gulf of Aqaba.
3. Israel would agree to evacuate the Gaza strip provided Egypt did not go in.
4. Israel to retain economic ties with the Gaza strip.
5. The placing of a small UN police force in the Gaza strip.—Reuter.

Ike To Broadcast "Live" To The World

Washington, Feb. 24. President Eisenhower will speak by radio directly to the peoples of the entire world tomorrow—the first such address in history by a United States President.

He is expected to discuss the importance of freedom of information to peace in his speech, which is being broadcast at 10:30 GMT to mark the 15th anniversary of the government's official overseas radio, the Voice of America.

It will be available to domestic networks for broadcast at the same time as the Voice of America's 78 transmitters carry it "live" to every corner of the world, giving him a potential English-language audience of more than 200 million.

As soon as he has finished, translations will be broadcast in more than 40 languages, including Russian, Chinese, French and Spanish.

In the past, the President's major speeches have been broadcast on tape throughout the world. Tomorrow's will be the first direct address and the first time all the Voice of America's transmitters have been used for a single programme.—Reuter.

FROGMAN'S STRANGE DISCOVERY

Prague, Feb. 24. A frogman has discovered a column of perfectly preserved German soldiers, drowned in World War II, at the bottom of Devil's Lake in southwest Bohemia, according to a newspaper report here.

Lidova Demokratie said the column was found by the frogman when he scoured the bottom of the 120-foot deep lake for the body of a missing student.

The dead soldiers lay in horse-drawn vehicles, the frogman said. The horses were still standing up, "their eyes wide open and staring."

Fenced in by mountains, near the west German border, Devil's Lake is believed to have been the scene of much fighting in the last stage of World War II. Uneven water temperatures make the lake's surface treacherous when frozen, and many rumours have circulated in the past years among local inhabitants about supposed "mysteries" at the lake bottom.—China Mail Special.

US-Israel Talks "Hopeful"

SANCTIONS DECISION NOT YET MADE

Washington, Feb. 24. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, joined tonight in voicing the hope that a "solution will be found to the deadlock over Israel's withdrawal from Egyptian territory."

Mr. Dulles and Mr. Eban made the statement in a joint communique issued at the end of a long conference. The communique, first issued jointly by the two officials, appeared to be somewhat more optimistic than previous utterances on the Middle East crisis.

But it left unanswered the key question of just what position the United States will take when the United Nations General Assembly resumes debate tomorrow on an Afro-Asian proposal to impose sanctions on Israel.

Mr. Dulles and Mr. Eban said further talks would be held here and in New York at the United Nations. Mr. Dulles had conferred earlier in the day with Democratic and Republican Senate leaders on the Israeli problem and the "Eisenhower Doctrine" resolution in the Senate.

"CONSTRUCTIVE"

One of the Senators said after that meeting that he believed neither Mr. Dulles nor President Eisenhower had reached a final decision on what stand the United States would take on the UN sanctions proposal. Informants said the Dulles-Eban conference generally was regarded as "positive" and "constructive."

At the same time, Senator Mike Mansfield (Democrat), who attended the Senatorial meeting with Mr. Dulles, said he believed the administration would support sanctions against Israel "if forced to."

The Dulles-Eban communique indicated that Mr. Dulles gave the Israeli envoy new details on just what the United States is prepared to do in the way of "assurances" that Israel wants before withdrawing its troops.

Mr. Eban presumably will relay these details to his government in Jerusalem.

When he talks to Mr. Hammarskjold, Mr. Eban is expected to seek assurances or clarification of what Egypt is doing or may do to guarantee peace in Gaza and the Gulf of Aqaba.

It was learned that Israel on several occasions had asked Mr. Hammarskjold to find out whether President Nasser of Egypt wished for peace or to continue a "state of war" with Israel.

If Nasser would renounce belligerency, Israel believes, it would help ease the crisis and permit the withdrawal of Israeli troops under proper safeguards.

Israel, it was learned, wants to put Egypt's attitude regarding its future policy "on the record" with Mr. Hammarskjold.—United Press.

Israelis Start Work On New Pipeline

Jerusalem, Feb. 24. Israel has begun work on a 16-inch oil pipeline between Beersheba and the Mediterranean coast, it was announced today.

The pipeline, designed to bring oil from the Ellat-Beersheba pipeline to the Haifa refineries, will meet the coast at the new town of Ashdod Yam, between Ashkelon and Tel-Aviv.

The eight-inch pipeline from Ellat to Beersheba over 130 miles is scheduled for completion on March 15 and fuel storage tanks at Beersheba are expected to be finished at the same date.—United Press.

ARAB LEADERS WILL DISCUSS 4 SUBJECTS

Cairo, Feb. 25. Leaders of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan, today formally open their conference at the Kubben palace here on international matters affecting their nations.

A preliminary talk was held last night after a dinner given by President Nasser to King Saud of Saudi Arabia, King Hussein of Jordan and President Shukri el Kouatly of Syria.

No agenda has been fixed for the discussions but they are expected to cover:

1. Matters relating to the Eisenhower Middle East doctrine.
2. A common stand and measures to be adopted to force the Israelis to withdraw from Egyptian territory.
3. The Suez Canal issue and prospects for a preliminary settlement.
4. The North African situation.

King Saud will give the other leaders an account of his talks earlier this month with President Eisenhower.

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Neither the CIA nor the USA

STOP PRESS

Jet Crashes Into Sea

A RAF Venom crashed into the sea south of Aberdeen shortly after noon today.

On receiving the information the Naval authorities sent HMS Cockade to the scene, where the wreckage of the plane was located.

The pilot was found dead.

Earth Tremors Felt In HK

The earthquake which yesterday caused loss of life and severe damage in Formosa was not only recorded on the Royal Observatory seismograph, but the tremors reached Hongkong about 4.28 a.m., and "were felt by at least one person in the Colony" it was officially stated this morning.

A Government spokesman said that anyone who experienced the shock is invited to telephone or write to the seismological section of the Royal Observatory, giving details.

Prisoners Are CIA Men Says Ex-Official

Washington, Feb. 24. Charles Edmundson, a former official of the US Information Agency, said today that at least some of the 10 Americans still in prison in Communist China were agents of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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RUSSIANS HOLD GERMANS AGAINST THEIR WILL

Dortmund, Feb. 24. Herr Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister, said today that recently the Soviet Union had systematically made it difficult for Germans living in Russia to keep contact with the German Embassy in Moscow.

Herr von Brentano, addressing a meeting of the local Christian Democratic Party, said according to the latest information several Germans had been banished to remote Soviet territories. About two dozen German specialists, whose contracts to work in the Soviet Union had expired, were being kept in the Black Sea area against their will.

He said the Soviet Union must first show a fair attitude in these human problems before

Britons On Trial In Cairo Today

Cairo, Feb. 25. The preliminary trial of four Britons accused of spying on Egypt reopens here today, and the defence will tell the court it reserves its plea for later hearings before the criminal court.

Egyptian lawyers are defending the four: Mr. James Swinburn, 41, Cairo business manager of the Arab News Agency; Mr. Charles Pittuck, 45, of the Marconi Telegraph Company of Egypt; Mr. James Zarb, 37, a Maltese business man; and Mr. John Thornton Stanley, of the Prudential Assurance Company.

The Prosecutor-General announced last week that Swinburn and Zarb face charges bearing the death penalty on conviction, and that Pittuck and Stanley are liable to imprisonment if convicted. Sixteen Egyptians are also on trial, while four other Britons are being tried in their absence.

VISA WITHDRAWN

It is reliably learned that Britain, through Switzerland, has asked for a British lawyer to observe the trial. A visa granted to Mr. Rolfe Edwards-Kerr, a British solicitor, was withdrawn last week.

The name of the new lawyer submitted for approval has not been disclosed.

Defence lawyers conferred yesterday with M. Jean Luchet, a Geneva law professor who is acting as an observer. One newspaper report said M. Luchet was planning to request a postponement of the case.—Reuter.

Professor Turns Cracksman

Chicago, Feb. 24. A "studious and refined" young man, with clothes and manners to fit his claim to a degree of Doctor of Psychology, was seized by police today while casually drilling over a safe in a south side insurance firm.

Police said the man identified himself as David J. Stevenson, 25, of suburban Evanston, and told them he had attended the University of Chicago, the University of Missouri, Northwestern and the University of Kansas City.

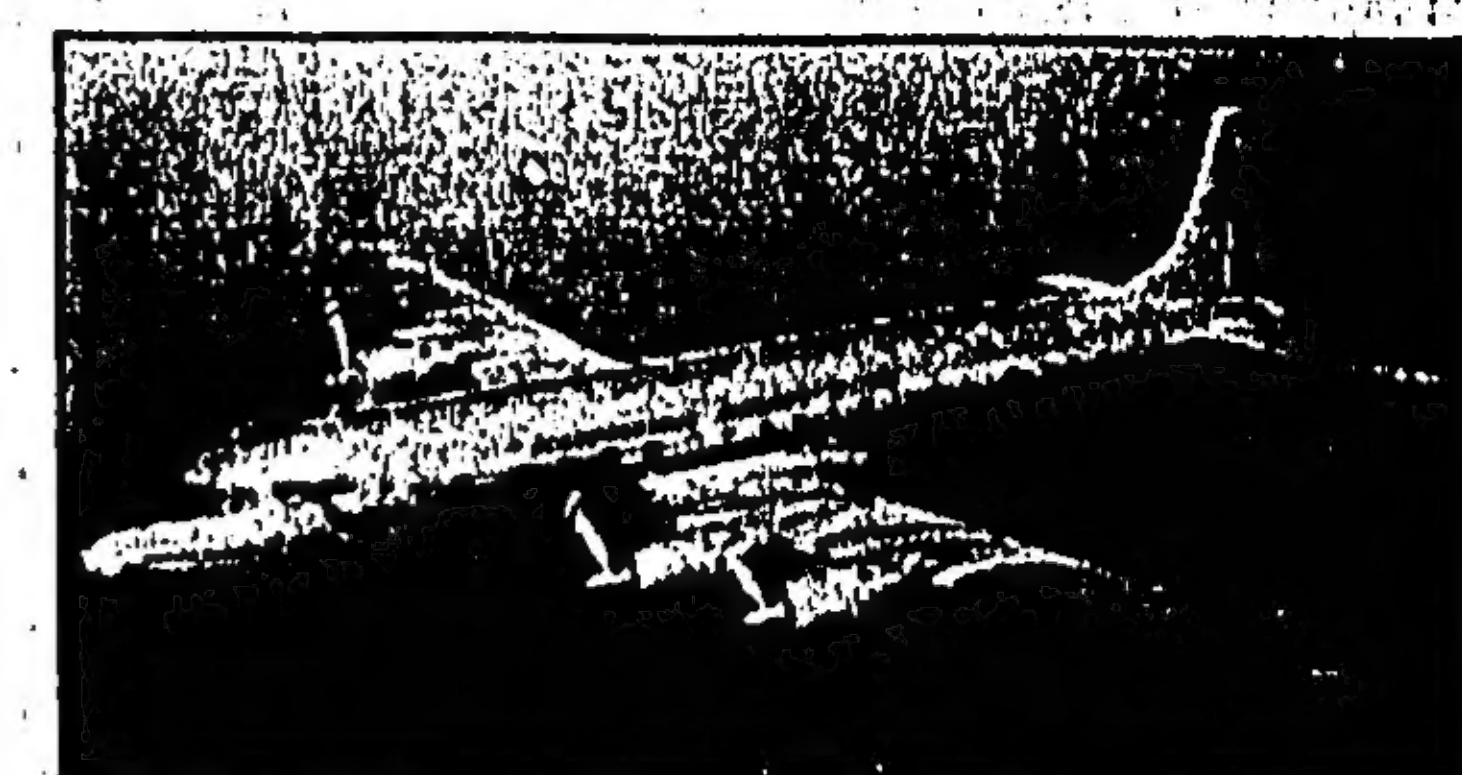
He was wearing an Ivy League suit, a well-cut tweed topcoat and gloves. A briefcase bulging with safe-cracker's tools lay beside him, when he was discovered in the office, police said.

They described him as a "studious and refined type" and quoted him as saying he turned safe-cracking to get some money to "impress his wife, because he had lost his job as a market analyst."—United Press.

Russia Ready To Back Sanctions

Moscow, Feb. 25. Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, said today Russia will be ready to support the demand for application of sanctions against Israel, if she does not immediately withdraw her forces from Egypt.—Reuter.

AN SAS DC7 IN FLIGHT



Historic Moment In Civil Aviation

PLANES RENDEZVOUS OVER NORTH POLE

Copenhagen, Feb. 24. Two Scandinavian airliners met and exchanged greetings over the North Pole today as they inaugurated the world's first regular trans-Polar passenger route.

From one airliner, carrying 47 passengers including top Scandinavian ministers from Copenhagen to Tokyo, a container carrying a UN flag and microfilmed copies of the front pages of 700 newspapers of January 1 this year plummeted towards the snowy wastes.

The captains of the two DC7s of the Scandinavian Airlines System exchanged greetings as their aircraft passed and the Danish Premier, Mr. H. C. Hansen, broadcast a message to the world declaring the "great pioneering exploit" was a token of international co-operation.

The broadcast was carried by 34 radio networks in 28 countries, with a potential audience of 500 million people. As Mr. Hansen spoke, the weather over the Pole was clear and it was expected here that passengers would be able to see "each other's plane clearly."

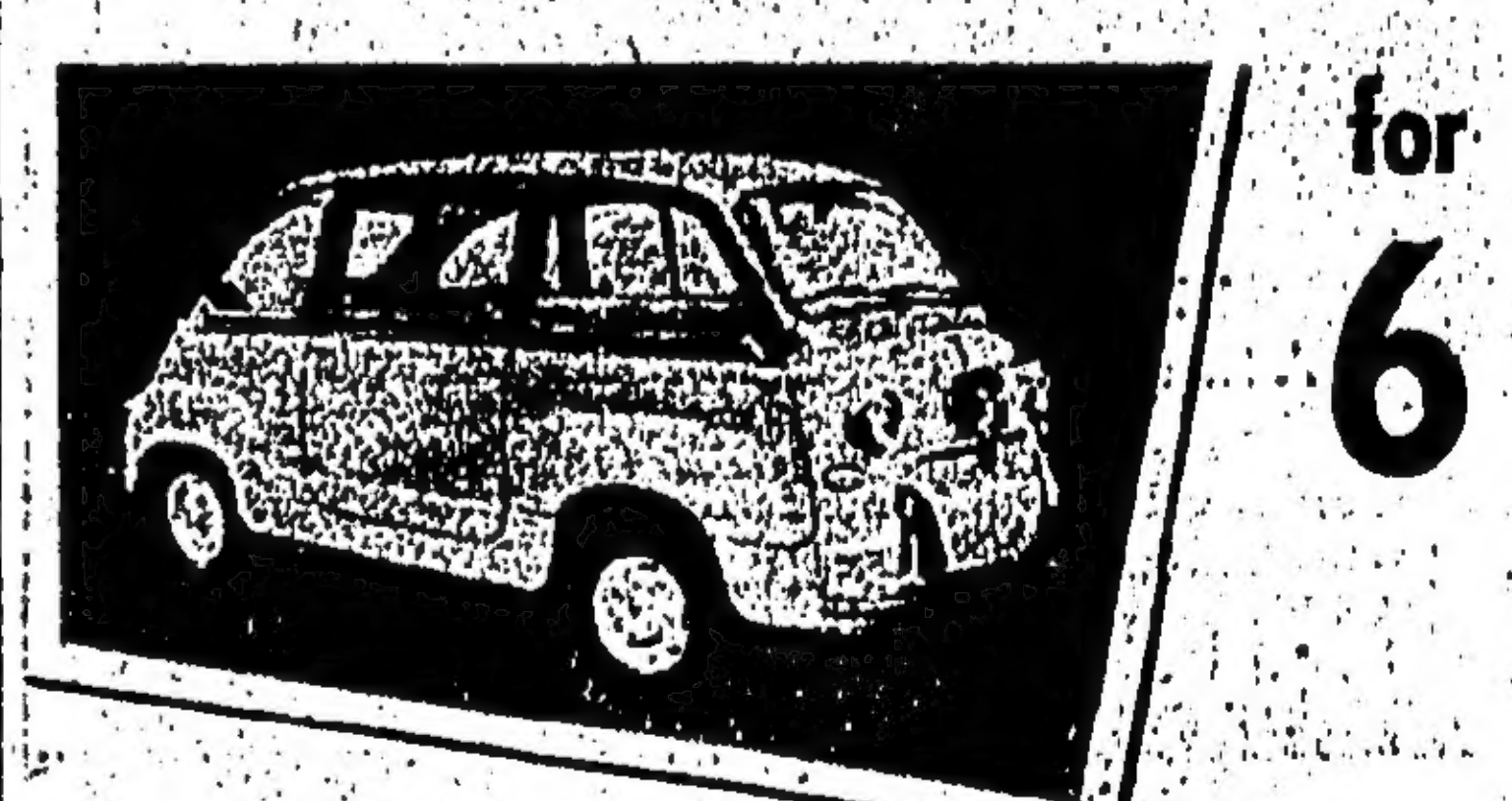
The Tokyo-bound plane "Couturn Viking" took off from Kastrup airport here at 11:30 GMT today. Her sister aircraft, whose passengers included Prince Mikasa, brother of the Japanese Emperor, reached Anchorage, Alaska, at about 2:30 a.m. local time.

They passed each other over the Pole at 21:40 GMT, highlighting the start of a new service which will cut the Europe-Asia journey from 10,300 to 5,000 miles, reducing the time taken from 62 to 30 hours and giving better flying conditions.—Reuter.

Floor Caves In: 30 Injured

Rome, Feb. 24. At least thirty people were seriously injured today at a political meeting in Sonnino, south of Rome, when the floor of the meeting hall collapsed.

The accident occurred during a local meeting of the Christian Democratic Party.—France-Press.



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H-BOMB BAN OPPOSED

Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 24. Sir George Thomson, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist, opposes a ban on the H-bomb.

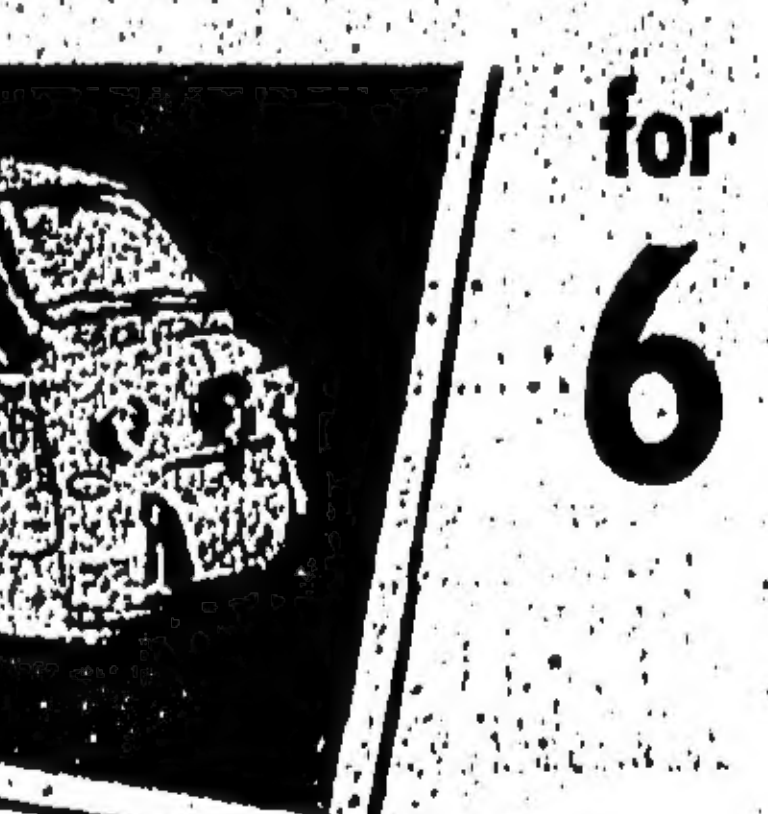
"I'm always very annoyed," declared Sir George yesterday, "with people who say, sentimentally, 'let's ban the H-bomb.'"

He said any agreement between nations to outlaw the bomb could easily be "disastrous."

The white-haired British physicist said, "We have to be jolly careful not to enter into (an agreement) that makes things worse."

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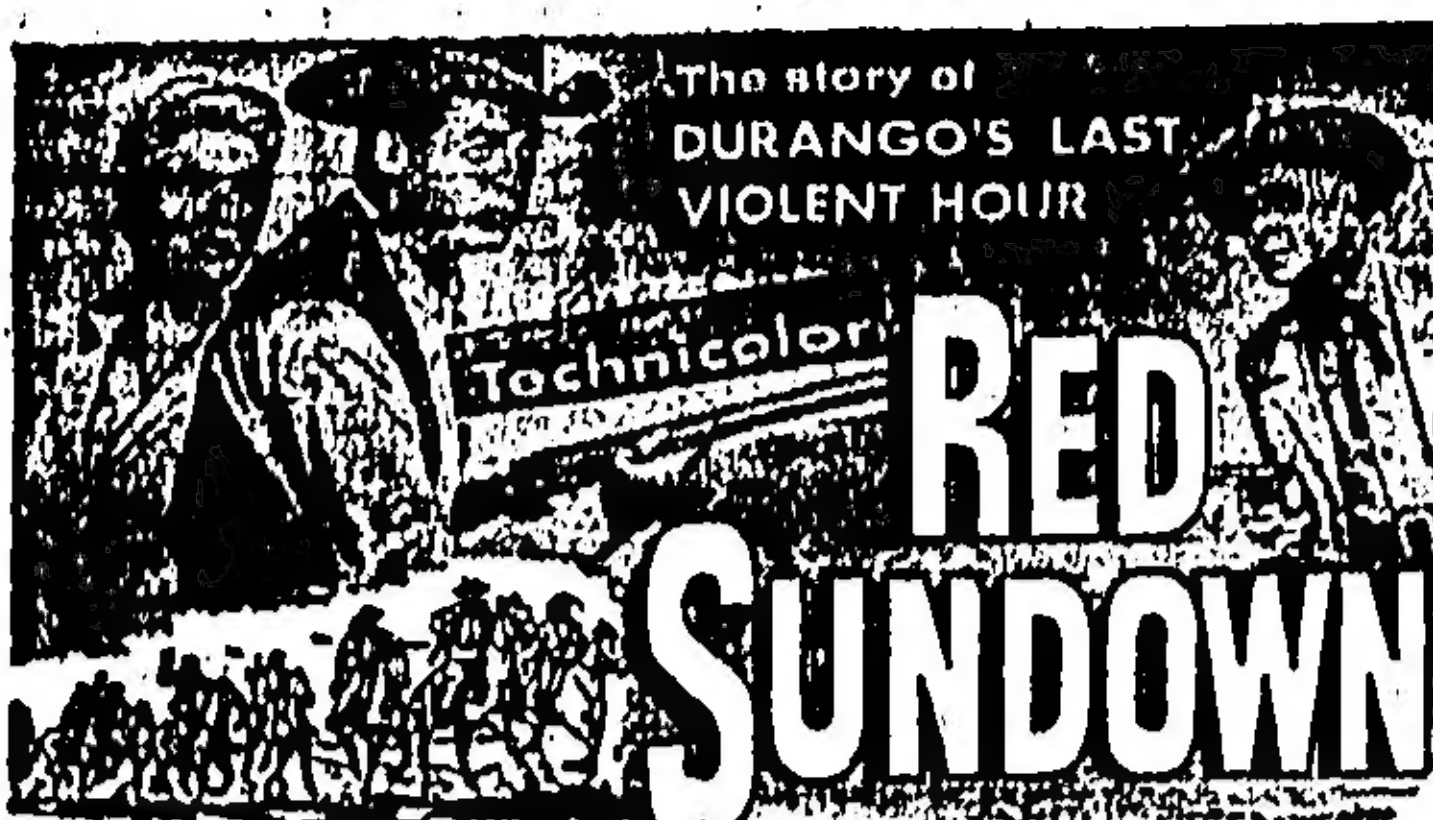


The conference is the third such meeting between top scientists of the US and Britain whose ultimate aim is to create a controlled thermo-nuclear combustion and extract the released energy to generate electricity.—United Press.

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REDS NOT THREAT TO AMERICA

New York, Feb. 24. Non-Communist "impartial observers" at the recent Communist convention said today that the party was so "drastically weakened" that it was impossible to take seriously any idea that it was a threat to national security.

The eight observers said the Red sessions were "democratically conducted" with "vigorous" discussion of all matters introduced for debate. They saw "many indications" that no individual or group was in a position to control the convention. The observers, who won admittance to the convention although the press was barred, issued their formal report on the sessions on the eve of a Senate investigation of the convention proceedings. They protested vigorously against the hearings as being "un-American."

DENIED COPIES

A reported 300 to 350 Communists attended the convention from February 9 to 12. Reporters relied on the observers and Communists for reports on the debate. They were denied copies of the convention agenda, but received mimeographed copies of speeches and resolutions.

The convention observers were selected by an informal committee headed by the Socialist Party leader, Mr. Norman Thomas, who did not attend himself. One of the most prominent members of the group was Mr. Stringfellow Barr, former President of St. John's College at Annapolis, Maryland, now a lecturer and publicist.

Mr. A. J. Muste identified himself as chief spokesman for the eight observers. He is a former follower of Josef Stalin's since Communist foe, Leon Trotsky, and is now editor of Liberation, an independent magazine promoting non-violent liberation of satellites.—United Press.

105-Foot Convoy Transports Atomic Part

Paris, Feb. 24. Europe's longest motor convoy, the "Atomic Caterpillar", carrying a 105-foot part of a French nuclear reactor, arrived in the atomic city of Marcoule, some 430 miles south of Paris, today after a three-week trip from the capital.

The huge steel cylinder houses the element which is to recuperate calories from the nuclear pile of France's first nuclear atomic energy project.

The 105 foot convoy, rolling on 116 wheels, left Paris on February 4 and was seldom able to go faster than seven miles per hour as it wound its tortuous way through a succession of small towns. At one point it took four hours to advance 66 feet.

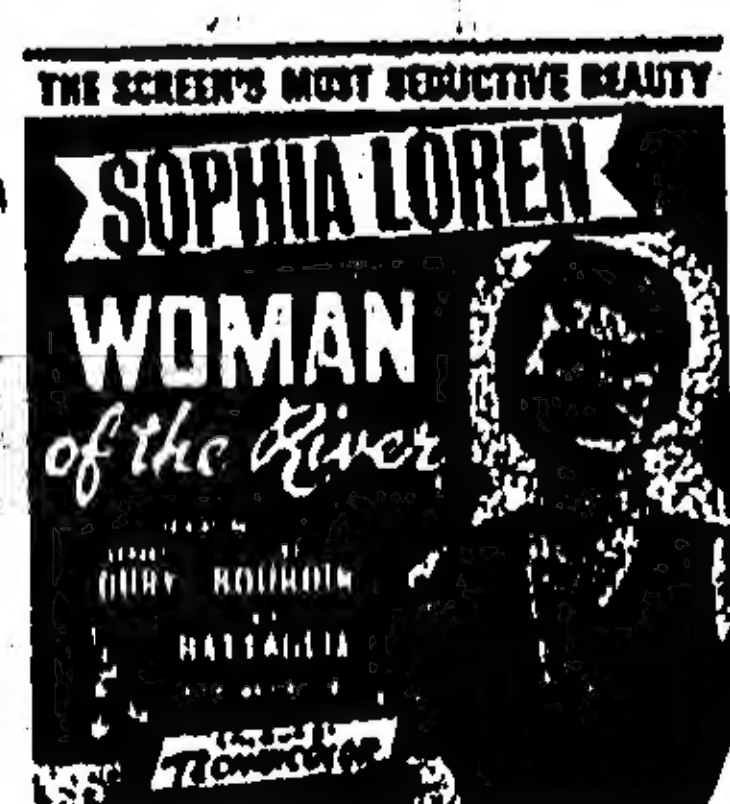
CURIOS SPECTATORS
All along its route, the convoy was greeted by thousands of curious spectators, which cheered it as it inched its way along. The convoy was even welcomed officially by the mayors of several towns along its way.

The eight drivers in charge of delivering the steel tube kept in training during the trip by adopting a strictly non-alcoholic and vegetarian diet. The success of the first convoy provided information which is expected to improve the transportation of the seven other cylinders which are to follow.—France-Press.

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 24. Malaysia is to seek help from international bodies for a hydro-electric scheme in the Cameron Highlands, the first phase of which will cost about \$14 million, according to a report on economic planning revealed today.—Reuter.

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THAILAND STANDING BY SEATO

Personalities In The News



Fabrizio Calvo, Spanish child actor of the film "Marcelino, Bread and Wine", is helped into a car in Buenos Aires, top, by police who feared that over-enthusiastic fans might inadvertently cause the youngster an injury. Picture bottom shows, right, 29-year-old Bruno Bartoletti of Florence, Italy, who has been engaged to take over the orchestra at the Royal Theatre in Copenhagen, beginning next September. In centre is Mr. Henning Brandsted, the theatre manager, and on left Mr. Henning Rohde, the vice-manager of the theatre.—Express Photo.

PLANE OVER NORTH POLE

Copenhagen, Feb. 24.

Denmark's Premier, Hans Hansen, said in a speech made high over the North Pole today that the new Copenhagen-Tokyo transpolar airline service is "a great pioneering exploit."

Hansen was speaking aboard a Scandinavian Airlines plane as it crossed the geographical North Pole on the inaugural flight of the new over-the-Pole route.

As Hansen spoke, he pushed a button which released a small parachute-borne camera, containing the text of his speech, a blue and white United Nations flag and a roll of micro-film depicting front pages of several world newspapers.

Remarkable

Hansen said: "It is a most remarkable aeronautical achievement that today for the first time in history an ordinary passenger plane is flying from Scandinavia to Tokyo, taking a short cut through Arctic regions across the North Pole to the Far East."

At the same time, the inaugural plane from Tokyo is on its way to Scandinavia.

French Poet Lauded By Japanese

Paris, Feb. 24.

The Japanese Ambassador to France, Mr. Fukukaki, today paid tribute to the late French poet and diplomat, Paul Claudel, at his tomb in Brangues on the occasion of the second anniversary of Claudel's death.

The new Ambassador placed a wreath on the poet's tomb and made a brief speech expressing the continuing admiration of the Japanese people for the writings of Claudel, who was also French Ambassador to Japan from 1921 to 1937.

The Ambassador was received at Claudel's chateau by the poet's son, Pierre Claudel, and several French officials. After the ceremony, Pierre Claudel presented the Ambassador with a fine edition of one of Claudel's works and thanked him for his gesture.—France-Press.

Irrespective Of Election Results

Bangkok, Feb. 24.

Thailand will continue here pro-Western policy and support for the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation no matter what the outcome of Tuesday's national elections, according to political circles here tonight.

Both the Prime Minister, Pibul Songgram, and the leader of the powerful opposition Democrat Party, Nal Khuang Aphawong, back this Asian counterpart to NATO.

The 160 seats in the National Assembly will be contested by 992 candidates according to the Interior Ministry. Some 9,800,000 people are eligible to go to the polls.

Under the constitution, the present government has the right to nominate an unspecified number of members to the Assembly. Half of the present Assembly is nominated.

Approach To Democracy

The Prime Minister calls this a "gradual approach to democracy."

Among the Government candidates is the Prime Minister's wife. A number of other women are also standing for election.

This ancient capital has been transformed by a feverish, last-minute electioneering. Throughout today, as other recent days, crowded streets have been echoing with loud-speaker vans dodging in and out of the heavy traffic.

Huge party signs have been hung from buildings and even the bum-boats which ply the canals criss-crossing the city are carrying election banners.

Alleged Corruption

The election is being fought on domestic issues.

The Opposition alleges government corruption, deplores high living costs and poor housing and seeks abolition of nominated members of Parliament. Government candidates assert that all this will be righted if they are returned to power.

Violence has also been reported during the campaign. Unconfirmed reports reaching here said that there has been shooting during rallies in the remote northeast provinces close to China and North Vietnam.—Reuter.

Lim Tries To Settle Differences

Singapore, Feb. 25.

Mr. Lim Yew Hock, Chief Minister held a 45-minute meeting last night with leaders of the Singapore United Malays National Organisation, which has boycotted the all party talks here on Singapore's case for complete internal self-government.

The Chief Minister later told reporters he would present the views of the leaders to an all party conference today.

The United Malays National Organisation has so far failed to persuade the other political leaders of Singapore to accept its demands for special privileges for Malays as an issue for the constitutional talks in London next month on the future status of this colony.

Before the rift developed over the organisations' "11th hour" demands, the Chief Minister had urged all parties to make a united front for the March talks with the Colonial Office.—Reuter.

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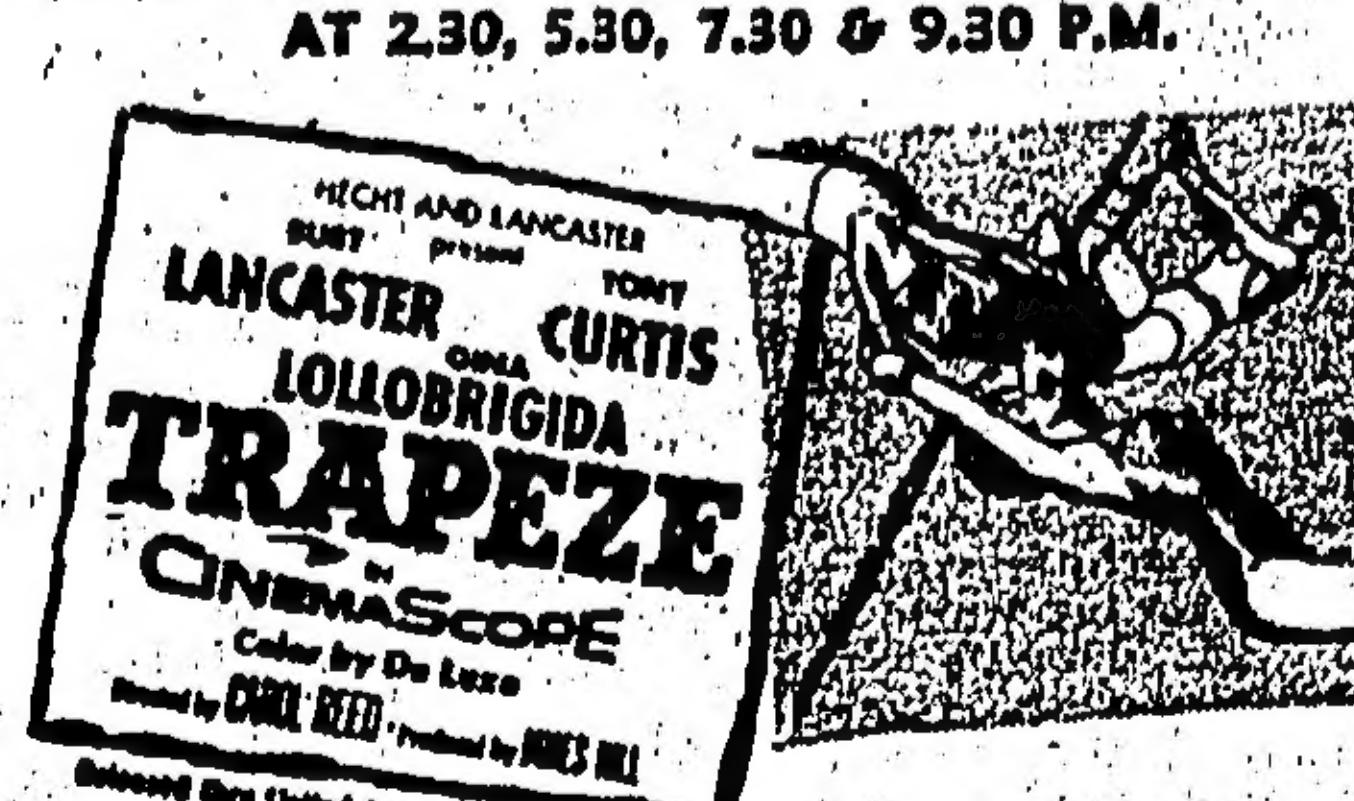
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Bandits Terrorise Mexican States

Mexico City, Feb. 24. The Government was asked today to end a "reign of terror" by bandits in Guanajuato and San Luis Potosi states.

Residents of the Central Mexico states appealed to the army and the Interior Ministry to send troops to halt the armed band led by a Spaniard, Jesus Gonzalez Cazares.

They accused the gang operating along the border of two states with responsibility for "murders, robberies, kidnapping, cattle rustling, usury, slavery and other crimes."

Signers of the petition from the communities of Rio Verde, Villa Pedro Montoya, Victoria, San Luis de la Paz and others said troops temporarily stopped the bandit invasions last September. But they charged that Gonzalez Cazares "pull" to have the troops withdrawn and the assaults started again.

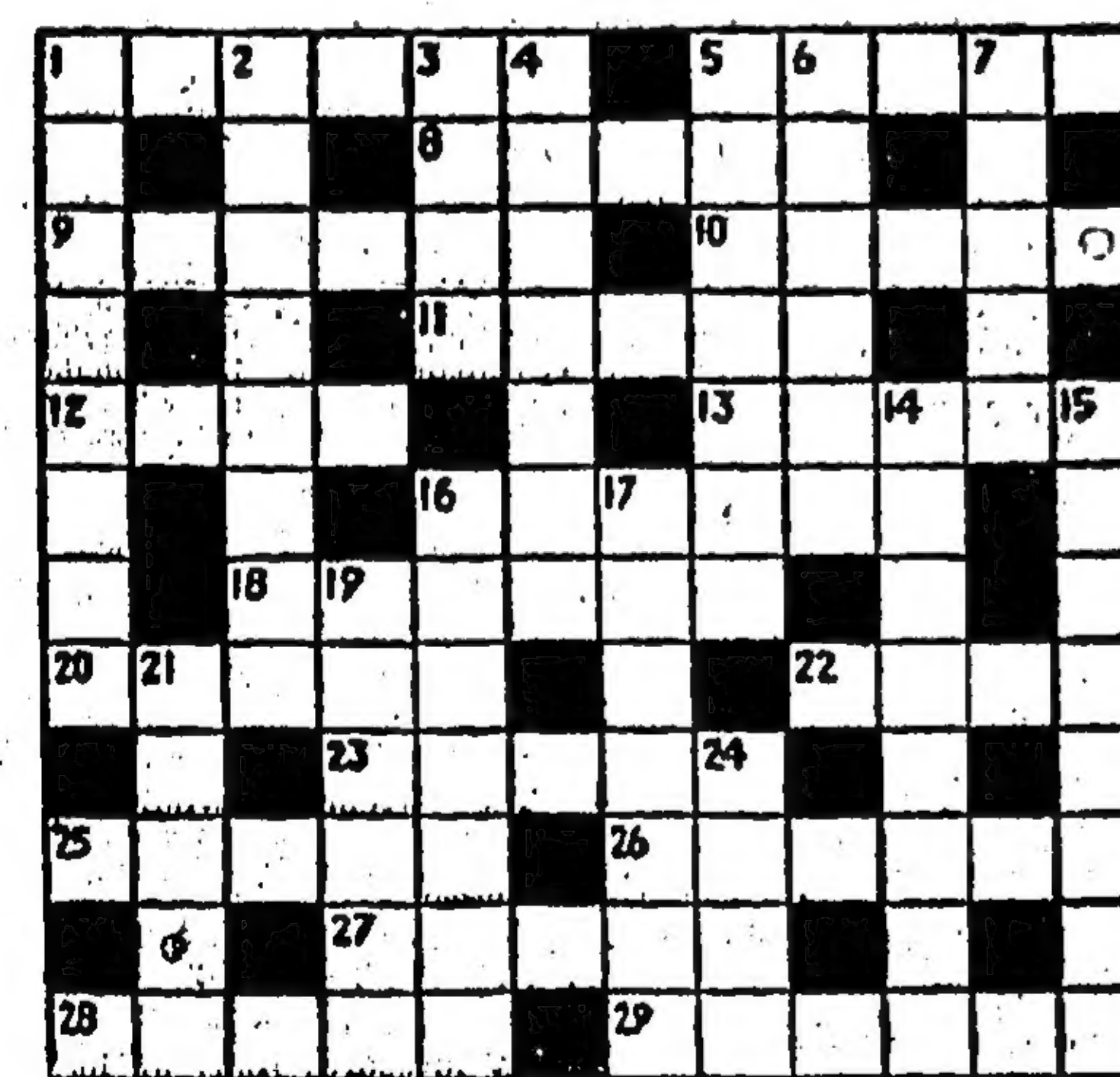
The bandit, it was declared, are armed with automatic rifles and have set up a "garrison" in one of 10 haciendas seized since they started operations in 1949. —United Press.

Hungarian Writers Waiting

London, Feb. 24. Mr. Sander Nagy, a Hungarian writer and winner of the Stalin prize, said today that Hungarian writers are not on strike as has been alleged, but are merely waiting for a possibility to publish the works they are writing.

According to MTI, the Hungarian news agency, Mr. Nagy said that in Budapest, a Budapest newspaper. Referring to accusations that the Writers' Union had led the "counter-revolution," Mr. Nagy said that nobody listened any more to any writer who spoke in the streets of Budapest, but he nevertheless urged writers to revise the attitude which they took at the time, whereas the Soviet Union had not "to repeat what she did on November 4 to protect the peoples regime in Hungary." —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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- Material (6).
 - Disastrous (5).
 - Principle of a machine-gun? (6).
 - Chit-chat (6).
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 - Hurry (4).
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- Rascal (8).
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 - Snoops (6).
 - Control (6).
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Birth pains of the land of GHANA

'HER MAJESTY'S LOYAL ENEMY'

In the Gold Coast the principal language is called Twi.

Like so many African dialects it has an extremely limited vocabulary.

For example the nearest you can get in Twi to a translation of Federation is something that really means "separation." Thus the idea for "federation" is regarded with suspicion as a subtle scheme for splitting them up.

And when it comes to giving this new state of Ghana a democratic Opposition in Parliament, why there just isn't a proper word to explain what such an institution is. The only translation in the Gold Coast for "Opposition" is a word that means "enemies."

These two words perhaps sum up the problem of the Gold Coast, due to blossom into full independence inside the Commonwealth as Ghana next month.

Two years ago it looked as though first-class British statesmanship, combined with a real will to make an independent democratic state work on the part of Africans, would make Ghana the beginning of a prosperous era in the history of the African peoples.

But now I am not so sure. Political storm clouds are ominously darkening the horizon. The bold experiment of launching the Gold Coast on the path to independence may not in a few years' time be heralded as quite such a success.

MISGIVINGS

There can, of course, be no question—except in completely unforeseen circumstances—of halting this experiment. For better or worse Ghana must come into existence, otherwise a promise underwritten by two British Governments would be dishonoured.

Yet an increasing number of Africans in the remote parts of the Gold Coast are viewing the prospect of independence with misgivings. They have told Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd that they would prefer Britain to stay on and govern.

What is the reason for all this? These fears of the future are not confined to semi-literate and remote tribesmen but to a powerful minority of educated Africans in Accra. They believe that when Britain goes Ghana will deteriorate into a one-party dictatorship with all the trappings of the police state.

Kwame Nkrumah, the leader of the Gold Coast Government and Prime Minister-to-be of Ghana, became a national hero when he won his election campaign from inside a prison cell and was dramatically released by the Governor, Sir Charles Arden Clarke, to form a government.

But Nkrumah has shown signs of being a dictator. He does not take kindly to criticism.

Twi is the language of the GOLD COAST, and it may be a stumbling block in the progress of the New Dominion.....

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he has done nothing to remove the fears of his opponents. And, worse still, no effective Opposition party has appeared in the Gold Coast—an essential condition for a thriving democracy.

In Gold Coast elections there has been disturbing evidence of bribery and chicanery, and this, together with proof of threats against Opposition supporters by Nkrumah's men, has led to a demand for a "Bill of Rights" to be written into the constitution. This demand has been rejected by the Colonial Office.

ARROGANCE

When Dr Nkrumah introduced a Government resolution calling for independence, the rather ineffective Opposition party, the Convention People's Party, boycotted the debate. The C.P.P. claimed that there should be federalism in the Gold Coast without widespread powers for the Central Government.

Nkrumah retorted that their conception of "federation" was the Twi meaning of "separation."

A clue to the dictatorial attitude of Nkrumah's followers is revealed in the arrogant statement of his Cabinet colleague, Mr. Krobo Edusei: "We shall grant no concessions to our opponents. We are the Government. We alone decide. Those who oppose us are our enemies." Bitterest opponents of the Nkrumah Government are the Ashanti tribe, who prefer to be ruled by their chiefs and not by a central authority in Accra.

They say that if Nkrumah gets full powers, he will not hesitate to order mass arrests of his political opponents.

They also say that the profits made from cocoa crops will be drained away into the coffers of the Exchequer.

Cocoa remains the key to the economy of Ghana. Cocoa has boomed in these past six years, and much of its revenue has been transferred to the Government's revenue. In this way social services have been developed. But if cocoa prices slump, it is difficult to see how these ambitious social schemes could be maintained.

The real test for the new state will be whether it can create sufficient stability to encourage investment from outside the country. The grandiose Volta River project to get 210,000 tons of aluminium a year from bauxite deposits was a few years ago the over-publicised hope of the Gold Coast. It was heralded—foolishly, as it has turned out—as the means of making Ghana into Utopia.

A FADING DREAM

Today the dream is fading fast. What was to have cost £100 million in 1952 is now estimated to require at least £350 million. This figure is quite beyond Ghana's own resources, even with assistance from Britain, U.S.A. and Canada. And at the moment both U.S.A. and Canada are

chary of investment in this territory.

Possibly with independence Nkrumah may gain a greater sense of reality. It is to be hoped that he will not let dreams of rapid economic progress and the acquisition of a Gold Coast Navy run away with him.

For, when Britain withdraws, he will have to watch £.s.d. carefully. Already there are signs that vast economies are necessary. But while the Government has been cutting expenditure on housing and hospital building, it is still indulging in extravagance in other spheres.

A SQUANDER BUG

Thousands of pounds are being spent on stands, decorations and plans for celebrating Independence Day on March 6—most of this on schemes for boosting the Nkrumah Party as the sole instrument of securing national freedom. A statue of Nkrumah, costing more than £20,000, is at Government expense to be set up in Accra.

The Nkrumah Government has spent vast sums on various forms of propaganda—£200,000 for a Government luxury hotel at Accra and £300,000 for a Government newspaper which has not yet started.

The fact remains that the canny Ashanti must learn that "federation" does not mean "separation," while the Nkrumah faction must understand that a democratic Opposition does not mean "enemies."

DRUG TO CUT HEART RISKS

A SEAWEED-EXTRACT which may protect the heart against attacks of coronary thrombosis is being tested on patients at the National Heart Hospital in London.

The extract, called laminarin sulphate, has the power to clear the blood of microscopic fat-droplets which are believed to damage the arteries responsible for keeping the heart beating.

Regular doses might be able to prevent this damage, which usually leads to a coronary thrombosis attack.

An injection of the drug begins to clear fat from the blood almost immediately and its

action lasts for up to six hours. Dr Edwin Besterman and Dr John Evans report.

It's safe

It has been given safely to patients whose heart arteries are already damaged. Some other drugs are able to clear fat, but only with dangerous effects.

So far laminarin sulphate has had to be injected into the bloodstream but methods of injecting it under the skin are being tried. Eventually it may be possible to give such drugs by mouth.

Laminarin sulphate—made from kelp, a brown seaweed common off British coasts—is NOT yet available for general use, the doctors warn in the British Medical Journal.

No firm conclusions about it can be drawn until full-scale

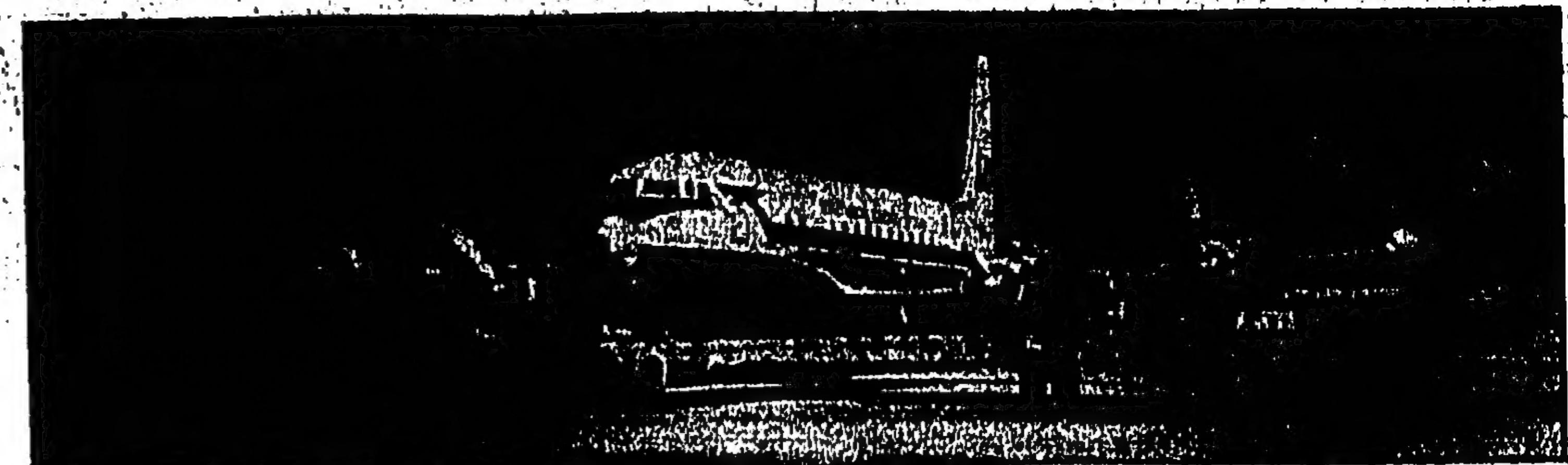
trials involving many patients have been completed.

It's inhaling that harms

Tests in which a robot was given expensive cigars to smoke have yielded new information about smoking and lung cancer.

Dr Arthur Lindsey and Dr John Campbell, experimenting at Sir John Cass College, in the City, were surprised to find that smoke from cigars and pipe tobacco contained substantially MORE cancer-forming chemicals than cigarette smoke.

So they infer that it is INHALING that does the damage.



A gripping description of the journey by our AIR CORRESPONDENT

It's an everyday thing from now on TRANS-POLAR TRAVEL

THE high Arctic is a world of sea ice, vast spaces, high-backed mountains and deep fjords—lit for six months by the Midnight Sun, for six months by moonlight and the vivid colours of the Northern Lights.

It is the region that Scandinavian Airlines' Global Express DC-7Cs will span on short-cut flights over the North Pole between Europe and the Far East.

The first commercial route over the Pole was opened yesterday, with a stop at Anchorage, Alaska. It cut East-West travel time from 52 to 30 hours.

Eastbound flights on the new route headed north to the Pole from Copenhagen. Westbound, the DC-7Cs spanned the north Pacific from Tokyo to Anchorage, then north over the Arctic.

It is 4,400 statute miles from Copenhagen to Anchorage. Three hours after leaving Copenhagen, the airliner crossed the Arctic Circle in northern Scandinavia, an area deeply etched with fjords, surrounded by mountains that rose steeply from the sea.

Beyond the Circle the Arctic Ocean stretched 2,750 miles from Norway's North Cape to Alaska.

Bear Island Banks

Solitary, mist-cowled on the right, the flight passed Bear Island, and the tawdry flocks on the Bear Island Banks.

Approximately half an hour later, the Spitzbergen Islands, a cluster of jagged snow-tipped mountains like sharp, white teeth rose from the sea.

A major radio and weather station—one of a chain of such stations flanking the Polar route—is situated at Isfjord on Spitzbergen.

This, too, was where Admiral Richard E. Byrd took off on his historic flight to the North Pole 31 years ago, followed three days later by Roald Amundsen and Lincoln Ellsworth on the dirigible "Norge."

The "Norge" made the very first Polar crossing—all the way to Alaska.

Spitzbergen was the last point of land the flight passed over en route to the Pole.

The Arctic Ocean is not one solid, smooth sheet of ice. Its surface is in constant, slow motion, criss-crossed by uncountable ridges.

Pack ice in this great white sea freezes from below, heaves up and cracks the surface layer. Wind and current shove ice floes together. They grind together like millstones, pushing up ridges 20 feet high. Then the floes freeze in place, while new ice forms below the surface and the process goes on.

About 9 hours after leaving Copenhagen the flight crossed the North Pole, and a "time bomb" was dropped—timed for a million years. It contained records of the flight and front pages of newspapers. In every major language from every continent.

The bomb was aimed at the Pole, but there was no point on the pack ice to mark it. It looked like the rest of the Arctic Ocean.

The Midnight Sun

For six months of the year—from March 21 to September 21—the North Pole enjoys the constant light of the Midnight Sun. But now the Polar winter, Polar ice glistens in the moonlight, and catches the colours of the Northern Lights: arcs and cascades of green, red and blue that band the sky.

Between the Pole and the Alaskan coast, the flight covered drifting ice islands manned by American scientists connected with the International Geophysical Year. The ice islands—big as a small city—break off from the 7,000-year old shelf ice at Ellesmere Island, west of Greenland.

Then came the northern coast of Alaska—flat, bare tundra country. Most of Alaska's 20,000 Eskimos live in this coastal area, fishing, sealing and whaling.

Suddenly, the flat country breaks and rises into the 10,000-foot peaks of the Brooks Range, and crosses the Arctic Circle headed south.

The Brooks Range is the timber line on this side of the world—its northern slopes bare, its southern slopes green with fir trees.

The route then sweeps the fertile valley of the Yukon River, where Athapascan Indians still hunt the caribou. The Yukon itself stretches 2,200 miles across Alaska, from Canada to the Bering Sea.

About an hour after reaching the Alaskan coast, the flight passed over Fairbanks—a city of 30,000, still the heart of Alaskan gold mining. To the west, the highest peak in the Alaskan Range—and in North America—spurred the sky to a height of 20,300 feet....Mt. McKinley.

Anchorage Alaska

Sixteen hours from Scandinavia, it touched down at Anchorage International Airport. With more than 35,000 people, Anchorage is the biggest city in the territory, set against some of its highest and most spectacular—mountains.

An hour's stop for refuelling, and it was off again—on the last leg, over the mountainous Alaskan Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands to Japan.

The dream that sparked the search for the legendary "Northwest Passage" over the top of the world is nearly five hundred years old.

The first man to try to reach the Orient by sailing North was John Cabot. A Venetian in British service, he set out in 1498—four years after Columbus' discovery of America—and got as far as Labrador.

After Cabot's pioneering expedition, the Arctic continued to be a "lost" drawing—explorers and adventures.

One of Queen Elizabeth's naval officers, Martin Frobisher, reached Hudson Strait, north of Labrador.

Henry Hudson, who discovered the Strait and the bay that also bears his name, was the first to determine that Greenland is an island.

William Barrow, an Englishman, actually reached the (inlet to the Northwest Passage—Lancaster Sound, at 74 degrees

latitude, north of Canada. But he was so pessimistic regarding the possibility of conquering it that the search was abandoned for 200 years.

In the nineteenth century new Arctic territory was charted by Englishmen like John Ross, Edward Parry and John Franklin. Franklin came back alive from two hazardous expeditions overland. On his final voyage, by sea, he perished with his crew of 135 men.

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North West Passage

It was not until the beginning of this century that the Northwest Passage finally was sailed all the way to Alaska. In 1903, Roald Amundsen started out in his ship "Gjøa" from Norway. He reached Nome, Alaska, three years later.

By that time, the race to reach the exact North Pole was on in earnest.

In 1903 the Norwegian Fridtjof Nansen allowed his ship to be frozen in the pack ice north of Siberia. It was his theory that a trans-Polar current would carry it straight north to the top of the world. But the ship, creaking under the enormous pressure of the ice, bypassed the Pole by 250 miles.

With only one companion, Nansen left the ship and set out for the Pole. But the drift of the ice was too fast, and they had to turn back. After six months of unbelievable hardship the two men reached Franz Josef Land, one of the Spitzbergen islands. The islands are north of Norway.

In 1897 the first attempt was made at airborne conquest of the Arctic. The Swedish explorer S. A. Andree took off from Spitzbergen in an open balloon, but crashed on the ice after 65 hours in the air.

Walrus move south from the Arctic Ocean through the Bering Strait in the autumn. Some 15 feet long and weighing more than a ton, they use their big tusks to heave themselves up on the ice, and to dig out mussels from the bottom of the sea. The tusks make a handy weapon, too, when the roving bulls pit their strength against each other at mating time.

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High Arctic King

Some of the strangest animals known to man live at the top of the world: in the sea on land, on the ice—and under the snow.

In the high Arctic—which Scandinavian Airlines will span on short-cut flights over the North Pole between Europe and Japan—the polar bear is king.

The great white bear roams alone, preferring in his migrating habits to keep to the edge of the pack ice.

But bear tracks have been seen as far north as the 69th latitude—almost at the North Pole. And if he has to, the polar bear can swim for hundreds of miles in open water.

Weighing about a ton, the polar bear still is supplied as a staple of food for the Eskimos. In stalking seals, he is

capable of great stealth, advancing only a few yards at a time and then remaining absolutely still—one paw hiding the black spot at the tip of his nose.

The spot is the only part of his body that contrasts with his surroundings—which will make it almost impossible for passengers to spot him on flights over the transpolar route.

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Tundra Harems

The "beach masters" are always first to arrive at Pribilof. About eight times the size of the females, they neither eat, drink nor sleep for three months while they keep watch over their "harems" of up to a hundred females and fight off bachelor raiders.

The females are allowed to return to the sea periodically to spend a few days feeding, and then come back to find their own pups among the millions in the huge rookeries. Since a female seal will nurse only her own offspring, the pup dies if the mother is killed at sea.

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Dall Sheep And The 9-Foot Bear

The teeming wildlife of Alaska and Arctic Canada has specimens as unique as those in the ocean.

The Alaskan Brown Bear on Kental Peninsula may attain a height of nine and a half feet and a weight of 16,000 lbs. Its wrist measures some 32 inches and its hide, spread out, more than 10 square feet.


The Dall Sheep of the Alaska Range are the only white wild sheep in existence. Weighing well above 200 lbs., they are reckoned the finest trophy—and one of the most difficult to get—in North America.

Herds of heavy-manned musk oxen—as many as 100 at a time—still roam the Canadian mainland. Dark against the snow, they can easily be seen from an aircraft.


But the strangest animals of the Arctic are, perhaps, the smallest—the millions of Lemmings, shrews, voles, field mice and other rodents who live on the banks of the Arctic Ocean. Unable to survive in temperatures lower than 10° above zero, Fahrenheit, they live beneath the snow, separated by only a few feet of porous snow.

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HEXANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

CLUB BEAT THE AIRMEN
CONVINCINGLY TO
FINISH RUNNERS-UP

By "PAK NG LO WAH"

The concluding games of the Colony Rugby Hexangular Tournament were played on Saturday. The Hongkong Football Club XV made sure of finishing runners-up when they won convincingly against the Royal Air Force at Sookunpoo by 17 points to nil.

In the following game Army South beat the Police by 12 points to 3. Champions Navy fought out a six-point game each draw at Sek Kong against the Army North.

ARMY NORTH V. NAVY

Army North 0-2-6pts.
Navy 0-1-0pts.
*one penalty.

The first half of this game produced some very good rugby and it was a shame that the drizzle and occasional rain in the second period prevented a successful open game being played.

The Sailors fielded a resubstituted back division. Spencer was not playing and his berth in the centre was taken by serum half Corner. Hiba, yet another Kanieri player, took Corner's place at the base of the scrum.

Army North kicked off and the Navy forwards took the ball almost to the soldiers' line before being halted. The ball was cleared to the "25" but after five minutes a Navy loose heel saw the ball going out to Corner, who, living up to his name, ran straight and strongly for the flag to score an unconverted try. Full back Morson was shaken in his unsuccessful tackle, but resumed immediately.

The Navy continued to press hard but after their initial lapse the Army defence held firm. Welsh, at outside half for the sailors, was unsure in his handling and spilt a few moves.

After about twenty minutes the Army North woke up and until half time played some delightful rugby. The forwards were well and their heeling from the loose was excellent. The Army eight took the ball to the Navy line before they were stopped and then passed smartly. Scrum half Turnbull's attempts pass to his partner Dare was smothered but wing forward Gemmell managed to get the ball back to the outside half. From Dare the ball went all along the line until Blackburn who scored half way out. Morson's attempt at a conversion was just wide.

From the kick-off the Army pack took the ball straight to the Navy ten-yard line and from an almost identical move to the one from which he had just scored, Blackburn fumbled and missed a certain try. However, from the ensuing scrum Army heeled and Goulds ran strongly round the blind side and passed to Blackburn, who this time made no mistake and crossed in.

TENNIS

All American
Doubles Final

New York, Feb. 24. The young American combination of Barry MacKay and Grant Golden today won the Men's Doubles title in the United States Covered Courts Tennis Championships here when they defeated Dick Savitt and Bill Talbert in an all American final by 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. — France-Press.

INTERNATIONAL
SOCCER

Valletta, Malta, Feb. 24. Austria beat Malta 3-2 today in the first international soccer match ever played in Malta. — Reuters.

the corner for another unconverted try.

Goulds, the Army centre threequarter, was playing a good game. His stocky build and strong running made him a very difficult man to stop. Although the soldiers continued the pressure there was no further score at half time.

In the second half the rainfall was heavier and the greasy ball made handling more difficult. The Navy returned to the attack and from an offside decision on the Army "25" Kaye, the Navy full back kicked a good penalty goal from half way out to equal the score at six points all.

The deteriorating weather was responsible for the scrappy forward play that characterized the rest of the game, which was only enlivened by occasional abortive threequarter moves.

Both packs were taking turns to attack but no further scores resulted. A cross-kick from the Navy was taken by the Army side, which was not quick enough in following up to take advantage.

A draw was a fair result to what was, in the first half, a most exhilarating game to watch. Goulds, Dare and Blackburn played well for the Army out-sides with Haggard and Crabbe outstanding in the pack. Newton, Hiba, and the wing forwards shone for the Navy.

CLUB V. RAF

Club 2-3-17pts.
RAF 0-0-0

Club were three points up in the opening minutes when Cheong scored an unconverted corner try after taking advantage of an RAF defensive error.

The civilian side was playing its usual style of good open rugby with half backs Stewart and Valentine combining well. The threequarters looked especially dangerous and were especially dangerous when the Club had an advantage in the set scrums and there were many movements and it was only a matter of time before a score came.

Wing threequarter Salter culminated one such move with another unconverted corner try. The same player repeated the dose two minutes later after Okelly, the full back, had joined in the movement. 6-0.

In the latter part of the first half the Air Force rallied and spent some time in Club territory. However, the RAF could not get the ball from the set scrums and Club were relieving the pressure with some good defensive kicking.

In the lineouts, a sphere where the Air Force was getting the ball, any advantage was immediately lost because the ball was being patted or knocked back, giving no chance to serum half Morgan. When this player could get the ball out, Cornish, his partner at fly half, took it standing still and was unable to set his backs in motion.

The second period opened with the RAF pressing. Club conceded a penalty on their "25" in the centre of the field, but from this comparatively easy position Southwick's kick was just short.

After this early pressure the Air Force slackened off and for the remainder of the game Club were on top. Gault made no mistake with a penalty from 30 yards to increase the civilians' lead to 12 points.

The final score came from a faulty clearance by RAF full-back Gray. Miller of the Club

gathered this kick and transferred to Langley who crossed wide out and finally grounded the ball under the posts for Gault to convert.

ARMY SOUTH V. POLICE

Army South 0-4-12pts.
Police 0-1-3pts.

Johnson, the Police full back, had an excellent game apart from one unfortunate mistake in the first minute. He failed to gather a ball from an Army kick-ahead and was caught in possession. From the loose maul Macdonald nipped over for an unconverted try.

Busby, who usually plays at wing forward for the Army side, was switched to serum half. He managed to get his three moves on many occasions and was generally sound.

The Army backs were impressive and after seven minutes Flowers crossed for an unconverted try in the corner. By now the Police pack was settling down and starting to play their usual spirited game. Johnson took a long touch kick and from the ensuing lineout the Army got the ball. The Police forwards broke through quickly and smothered the ball, which then went loose for Miller to gather and cross for a try. Johnson's conversion attempt failed and the score remained at 6-3 until half time.

During the second half the drizzling rain handicapped the players and there was no further score until after 20 minutes. Busby picked up a loose ball and passed to winger Flowers who made some ground along the touchline before crossing-kicking. Robinson was following and collected to score an unconverted try well out.

A few minutes from the end Army notched their fourth and final try. The ball was kicked ahead from a threequarter movement and Macdonald secured the touchdown.

Honved Players
Seek Individual
Engagements

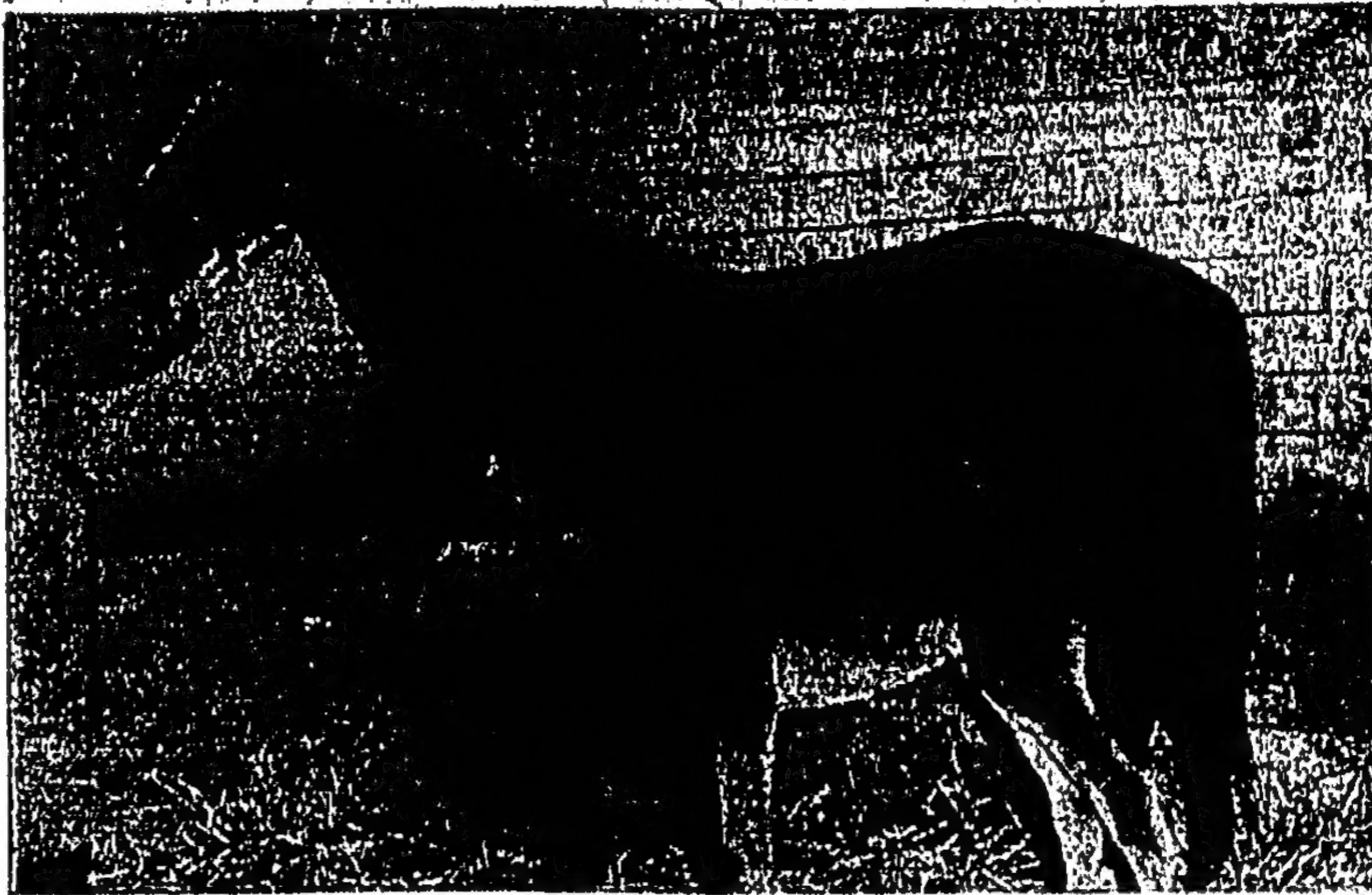
Vienna, Feb. 24. Nine members of the Hungarian "Honved" football team went to ask leading European and South American clubs for places in their teams. It was announced here today.

Emil Gesterreicher, manager of the "Honved" team which chose not to return to Hungary following the insurrection there last October, said here that nine members of the team, now here, had decided to send a circular letter to leading European and South American clubs asking for individual engagements in these clubs.

The nine players were: Fuskas, Grados, Kocsis, Lantos, Szalinski, Szabo, Garamvoelgyi and Sandor. They arrived here over the week-end from South America, where "Honved" had played a series of matches.

Meanwhile, Mme Kalmay, wife of the "Honved" trainer, now staying here, said she had received a cable from her husband saying that eight of the "Honved" players were on their way back to Hungary. They were expected to arrive in Budapest tomorrow. — France-Press.

NOW RIBOT HAS A SISTER



Ribot, the world famous Italian racehorse, now has a full sister. The sister, a bay filly, is pictured here with her dam, Romanella, who is also the dam of Ribot. The birth took place recently at the Egerton Stud, Newmarket. — Express Photo.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Ashcroft Tried Very Hard
And Pettitt Was Very
Badly Missed

By "RECORDER"

Army South were very short of David Pettitt against the KCC in the Senior Division Cricket League match at Cox's Path on Saturday and though Ashcroft was quite definitely the best bowler on view, though not too much better than KCC's Bob Bell, Army South lost to KCC by three wickets.

Optimists now lead the First Division, one point ahead of KCC and Army South. KCC have still to play the Optimists.

Army South were put in to bat on a batsmen's wicket and had lost five of their established batsmen — the one exception being Bedson — with only 37 runs on the board. They still managed to make 111 in spite of that.

First to go was Ball who hooked a high ball that looked like a certain boundary but rested in the upstretched hand of Frank Findlay at backward short leg. This was one of the catches of the season, though I have seen several as good. Ball had contributed seven of the eight runs then on the board.

With the score at 10, Howard Dobson was yorked by Carnell. He had contributed eight. Two quick wickets followed. Tidey and Crook both going without contributing to the score, the former caught by Hill off Carnell at forward short leg at 22 and the latter bowled by Bell at 24.

Ashcroft stayed with Bedson to 37 but played on a ball from Carnell after scoring two. Linnell stopped the run up to 55 when he too, was bowled by Carnell after a contribution of eight. Payne also scored eight when he was caught by "Tinker" Lee at mid-off off Carnell.

Bedson had contributed 31 of the 83 runs on the board when he was held by Hill off Bell at silly mid-on. The remaining batsmen held on, however, to 111, Bell claiming the remaining two wickets to finish with an analysis of 124-5-24-5 in one of his best bowling spells of the season. Carnell took the other five wickets for 57 runs.

LOADS OF TIME
KCC were left with all the time in the world to make the necessary runs for victory but found Ashcroft and a steady drizzle that stopped the game for 17 minutes quite a combination to contend with.

Aussies Win
Doubles Title
At Tennis

Panama City, Feb. 24. Australians Mervyn Rose and Don Candy won the Men's Doubles final in the International tennis tournament here, defeating Mexico's Mario Llanas and Pancho Contreras 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Dorothy Head Knobel of the United States defeated Darlene Hard (United States) 2-6, 6-0, 6-1 in the Women's Singles final. — United Press.

Dane Wins U.S.
Singles Title

New York, Feb. 24. Kurt Nielsen of Denmark won the United States Men's Singles Indoor Lawn Tennis Championship today, defeating Herb Flam (California) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 in the final. — Reuters.

Two wickets were lost with only 11 on the board, Findlay being held by Bedson off Ashcroft at second slip and Wood falling to the same bowler. Kenneth Lee and Coffey then steadied matters up and carried on to 36 when Lee was bowled by Ashcroft after having contributed 16.

At 43, Coffey was Ashcroft's fourth in the bag, also dismissed without the aid of a catch. He had scored 14. Robbie Lee and Fairhall then held out to 60, when the former became Ashcroft's fifth victim, held by wicketkeeper Payne.

Fairhall and Hill proved difficult to separate despite the wicked weather and had a 17-minute intermission at one stage before going out again. They were not separated before 67 runs were up on the board when Fairhall was run out after having scored 23.

Carnell was caught and bowled Ashcroft at 102 but three mighty hits from "Tinker" Lee followed and KCC won with 20 minutes to spare and three wickets in hand. Ashcroft had bowled throughout for 17 overs and finished with six wickets for 42 runs, having had his analysis considerably spoiled by the later batsmen.

In other First Division matches played on Saturday, Optimists beat Recreio, Army North beat Craignower, Scorpions beat the Navy and Indian Recreation Club beat the Police.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

First Division	P	W	L	D	Pts
Optimists	10	11	1	4	48
KCC	10	11	2	3	47
Army South	10	11	2	3	47
Army North	14	7	4	3	38
RAF	10	7	5	4	32
Craignower	17	6	7	4	28
Indian RC	14	6	5	3	27
Recreio	16	4	9	3	19
Scorpions	10	3	7	0	18
Police	10	2	13	1	9
Royal Navy	15	0	13	2	3

Second Division

P	W	L	D	Pts
Army North	18	14	2	58
KCC Hornets	19	13	4	54
Army South	20	8	7	38
RAF	17	9	7	37
Recreio	10	7	4	33
Dockyard	18	8	9	33
Indian RC	18	7	5	33
University	16	5	8	28
KCC Wasps	17	6	7	28
DBS	19	4	5	27
Royal Navy	18	6	11	22
KGVS	17	2	13	11
Police	17	2	13	10

*Including two points for a tie.

KITONE LAVE SAYS ...

Everyone Is Scared
To Fight Me So I
Go To Canada

Kitone Lave, the Tongan heavyweight, who made a brief comeback to the ring the other week in a sparring brawl with Cuban giant Nino Valdes, is fed up because he can't get fights.

Says Lave: "I know Don Cockell. I put Jack Gardner twice on the floor. I know in one round Gunther Nurnberg. I show up Valdes. So everyone is scared to fight me. So I go to Canada."

Miss Elaine Burton, a member of Parliament, wants to see the the first or second team. He is 42.

Irving Allen, the young Trinidad heavyweight who was discovered by film director John Huston, has the best start to a professional career any young boxer could wish to have. For his manager will be Ted Broadbuck, former manager of Freddie Mills and Johnny Williams.

Jim Parks, the Sussex batsman, has begun the task of getting-fit for cricket. He is determined to prove that he is "back" with "talent" and "fitness" which cost him his chance in South Africa. He has not put him out of the running for a place in the England side. — (London Express Service). (Copyright)

Yet Another Night Of
Stark Tragedy For
British Boxing

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Feb. 24. One wonders how many times veteran sports writers have had to write about British boxing having reached its "darkest hour." Then came the silver linings and optimism only for the abyssal night to fall again.

That is how one feels in London back on Tuesday night's programme when British boxing, at any rate in the heavyweight division, sank again to its deepest depths. It was yet another night of stark tragedy for British boxing.

Those who really thought that at last in men like Joe Erskine, Dick Richardson and Henry Cooper the old country had a crop of rising young heavyweights capable of bringing back the long lost prestige to British boxing have now got to think again.

Some said he had been training too hard and had taken too much weight off, others that he was overawed by the occasion. — China Mail Special.

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Gene Bone Still
In The Lead
In Houston Open

Houston, Texas, Feb. 24. Stubby Gene Bone clung stubbornly to the lead at the three-quarter mark of the \$50,000 Houston Open today with a 10 under par 200.

The 25-year-old Bone, who had pocketed only \$33 in three previous tournaments as a pro, fought Memorial Park's 7,200 yards of muddy fairways and greens for a 34-50-71 to go two strokes in front of the field.

Another comparative unknown, 28-year-old Bob Harris, steamed around the boggy layout in seven under par 31-34-68 to surge from nowhere into second place at 208.

Veteran Jimmy Demaret, the home townier, fired a 34-34-68 to wind up in third place at 209, one stroke ahead of the former amateur champion, Arnold Palmer, and top money-winner Doug Ford.

Ford, who had started the postponed third round only one stroke behind Bone, slid to a 37-36-73 today while Palmer got in with a 36-35-71. — United Press.

The only fly in the ointment was that perhaps the Welshman's eyes would not stand up to it. That was regarded as the only weak chink in his armour. To stop that gap special "no-cut" seamless gloves were used. All seemed set for victory.

It may thus be imagined what a bitter blow it was to Erskine's supporters to see him crushed and humbled. They were dumfounded.

What happened? Was the Welsh "tiger" mesmerised by the Cuban "cobra"? Certainly Erskine was not himself that night. The decision seemed to be too much for him. He looked a beaten man as he sat almost dolefully in his corner pale and wan before the first bell.

At no time in the short space of the time he was on his feet did he give any promise of victory. He looked like a lamb being led to the slaughter. A very different picture from the tough Welshman eager for

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- 3 European town
- 4 In verse?
- 5 Incline
- 6 Comes behind
- 7 Expire in water
- 8 German hill
- 9 Victorian poet
- 10 Of peace?
- 11 This trait?
- 12 Old Man this

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NEW YORK
COTTON
MARKET
REVIEW

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Feb. 24.
Cotton futures last week developed rallying tendencies after starting the period on an abrupt retreat.

Covering operations in the nearby March delivery, along with fresh Middle East political uncertainties, toll bank and local considerations, combined to turn the tide.

At Thursday's close the list ruled 10 points higher to 3 points lower or up 50 cents to down 15 cents a bale compared with the preceding week.

The New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges adjourned trading at the close on Thursday to observe the birthday of the Washington's birthday anniversary.

Setbacks up to \$1 a bale in the first part of the week reflected a more favorable view of the preliminary crop picture following the development of general rains in the parched areas of Texas and Oklahoma. Pressure of March liquidation, coincident with a moderate advance in the certificated stock, also acted to keep prices on the defensive.

Subsequent rallying tendencies were helped along by uncertainty as to whether the southwestern crisis had effectively relieved the subsoil moisture deficiency in that area.

DEADLINE

The deadline for sign-ups for the 1957 soil bank program has been set for March 1. Through February 24, cotton farmers have signed up 1,475,440 acres. Crop statisticians estimated approximately 3,500,000 acres will be signed up for the season. This would be deducted from the national acreage allotment of 17.6 million acres.

With average yields per acre, the crop in an area of 14,000,000 acres would be under 10 million bales against the 1956 crop of 13.5 million bales. However, experts emphasized, allowances should be made for the fact that yields are in a sharp upturn and that farmers are expected to use more fertilizer per acre than ever before.

The Census Bureau reported domestic raw cotton consumption in January at 840,567 running bales against 831,557 bales used in December and 750,282 bales used in January last year. The figure was slightly better than expected.—United Press.

The Bank Of England
Statement

London, Feb. 24.
The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 20, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	£59,149,000
Public deposits	13,390,000
Private deposits	20,516,000
Government securities	210,516,000
Other securities	30,247,000
Reserves	21,500,000
Ratio	215

—United Press.

WALL STREET
TURNS DULL

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Feb. 24.

Stocks turned dull and moved in a relatively narrow range during the past week after their hectic ups and downs of the previous week.

In the four days preceding Washington's birthday, the market had an average daily sales turnover of only 1,741,121 shares, smallest since the week ended Oct. 26, and compared with 2,388,490 last week.

Prices slipped in three of the sessions and gained in one. Wednesday's losses were small and the general average showed but little change. Market observers said the dullness was favorable in that it indicated no liquidation overhanging the market at this time.

Most of the sessions were dominated by oil news. For a time the traders appeared optimistic on an early opening of the Suez Canal. They changed their minds on Thursday and sold international oil when Israel demanded requests to leave Egyptian territory.

Oils Lift Market
The general average, including 30 industrials, 20 rails, and 15 utilities closed the week at 105.38 off only 0.24 point. Industrials closed at 466.63 off 1.44; rails 142.22 off 0.67; and utilities 70.34 off 0.45. The utilities stood out by rising in each of the four sessions.

A total of 1,341 issues appeared on the tape. Of these 555 gained, 597 declined and 189 held unchanged. It was the narrowest market since June 1, 1951, when only 1,316 issues appeared.

Oils lifted the market from a decline on Tuesday when Texas raised the figure on the oil its wells will be allowed to produce in March.

The Ben-Gurion statement on Thursday and helped unsettle the market that day.

Steel issues eased. Aircrafts had losses. Motors were quiet. Ford alone managed to score a small gain. Oils consistently gained with Seaboard up nearly 6. Andes Copper rose 5 and Anaconda lost 3 1/2 points.

Simmonds Saw & Steel ran up 4 1/2 and gains of 3 and 4 points were set by Corning Glass, Minneapolis Honeywell, and J. C. Penny.

The high-priced shares provided some wide swings. International Business Machines closed the week at \$277, up \$19.—United Press.

European Free Market
Influences US
APPREHENSION OVER
CREEPING INFLATION

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Feb. 24.

The US business spotlight last week turned on the Middle East, the newly-formed European common market along with "creeping" inflation at home and the continuing squeeze on corporate profits.

In the Middle East interest centered on what appeared to many to be improvement in the Suez situation, despite the brewing trouble over Israel's reluctance to withdraw from the Gaza and Gulf of Aqaba areas.

Wall Streeters are looking ahead to an early reopening of the Suez and were encouraged by the boost in shipments of oil to Europe from the United States. They also kept a watch on the rise in the cost of living, a leveling off in the stock market in the lightest volume of the year, and mixed reports of earnings of the giant companies last year.

Developments

There were these developments as the oil front last week:

1. According to Frank M. Porter, President of the American Petroleum Institute, oil-hungry Europe was receiving 90 per cent of its petroleum needs, and not 80 per cent as had been estimated by government experts at Congressional hearings last week.

The European oil shortage is no longer at the "crisis" stage, he said.

2. In line with rising demand for crude, US oil production hit new highs last week, with crude oil and condensate output increasing by 64,300 barrels a day during the week ended last Friday. This topped the previous week's all-time high.

But the big news in oil came from the Texas Railroad Commission which responded to production appeals for production hikes and boosted its March allowances to a record 3,733,054 barrels per day. This was an increase of 210,001 barrels a day over current allowable production. Texas accounts for nearly half of US production. The Commission has been roundly criticized by many for its hesitation in hiking oil production.

3. Heads of oil companies testifying in Washington on oil prices upheld the recent 35 per cent barrel boost and said they were not caused by Suez but by higher costs domestically. The industry remained on the defensive all week as the Department of Justice disclosed it was studying the recent price hike for indications that the companies might have conspired in the price advance. Such collusive action might well be held in violation of the government's anti-trust laws. While most industry experts predict the price hike will remain, Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) said its earnings will rise by \$100,000,000 in 1957, if the price rise holds. The company's 1956 net income is estimated to have shown a stable increase over 1955.

Encouraging

The encouraging news on oil and hopes for early movement of tankers through the Suez put some strength in the stock market last week, countering in part at least pressure from other directions. International Oils particularly responded.

Oil among the most volatile, rose 3 1/2. Royal Dutch 1 1/2. Phillips Petroleum and Texaco a point each.

Preliminary agreement on the common market between the prime ministers of France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, was being studied last week by US businessmen. While Government officials and business generally were pleased by the overall aims of Europe's latest step toward economic integration, some misgivings were evident nonetheless. Many envisage a period of readjustment on the part of US industry in its dealings with the new European market of about 200 million. Some exporters felt that under a common market, new tariff schedules against outsiders may work to offset in part current advantages whereby some products are admitted without duties.

US businessmen hope that in the long run a richer Europe might mean a bigger market for American products. But beneath this optimism there were a number of question marks. These include: 1. Fears that a more efficient Europe prospering under the impetus of a tremendous market of 200 million might freeze out American products. 2. Fears that a revival of European industry as envisaged by the common market might pose further competition for US products in other world markets. Consensus is that more US companies will begin new studies of the possibility of establishing manufacturing outlets within the common market.

Higher Cost

Elsewhere, there was concern about the profit squeeze. With business costs going higher and selling prices meeting more and more resistance, the return on sales is constantly being narrowed. This development has forced some companies to cut down on inventory buying.

The higher cost of borrowing these days makes it just that much tougher to expand or improve plants in order to cut production costs. Result: A squeeze on profits.

The US News and World Report in a special study of the profit pinch shows that between 1955 and 1956:

1. Cost of machinery and tools were up 7 per cent;
2. Hourly wage costs, including a so-called fringe benefits, were up 5.3 per cent;
3. Cost of industrial construction were up 4.4 per cent.

On the other hand, selling prices of industrial products were higher, but not at the pace of production costs. Prices received for goods sold were up 2.9 per cent. The result: Margins of profit in manufacturing were down 2 per cent.

Corporate earnings reports released last week appear to give substance to this survey. The giant General Electric Company's sales gained 18 per cent over 1955, while its earnings increased by only 2 per cent. The chemical firm of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. reported record sales of over \$820 a share in 1955. The firm's reduced earnings were blamed on rising costs without compensating rise in prices of its products. The General Tire and Rubber Company reported record sales of over \$90 million, some \$4 million above the peak set in the previous year. The company's net earnings were equal to the previous \$7.75 a share in 1955.

Elsewhere

Elsewhere: The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that living costs hit a new all-time high in January.

It was the fifth straight month that the index hit a new peak. The rise means that 1.4 million workers in the auto, farm implement, electrical and aircraft industries will get a one-cent-an-hour pay hike on March 1. All this adds to the inflationary spiral. E. L. S. Commissioner Evans Clarke said he expects living costs in February to "creep up."

Factors in the rise in living costs in January were higher prices for used cars, higher auto insurance rates, and higher copper for gasoline. These more than offset some reductions in the prices of used cars, the Bureau said.

A drag item in the production figure was a decline largely by a low for the year in automobile production, caused largely by a sharp cutback in output of Chevrolets.

The decline in overall auto output amounted to around 6,500 units. Chevrolet's cut amounted to 7,000 units.

Auto output so far this year, however, holds a gain of about 17,000 units over the comparable period of last year.

Mixed Affair

Steel production held at a high figure with prices substantially higher than a year ago. Iron Age noted that large electrical firm, put its average price paid for steel at a level up five dollars a ton on top of the \$8.50 boost in prices last August. The main work has been in the steel works. Demand and supply are moving into closer balance except for hard-to-get plants and structural. It said sheet users are in a position to call week time. Car loadings last week showed a gain of nearly two per cent over the preceding week but a decline of more than three per cent from the corresponding week of last year. Decreases were noted for the week in coal, coke and steel. Compared with last year's decreases were shown in all categories except grain, ore and coke.

The stock market last week—cut to four days by the Washington's birthday holiday—was a mixed affair. There were small losses in each of the sessions except Wednesday when oil issues led a sharp advance.

The oils, of course, were helping along by anticipation of traffic again in the Suez.

By a sharp rise in the amount of oil Texas will permit its wells to produce, and indications higher prices for crude oil and gasoline will hold.

The overall losses in the stock market amounted to one little average may be made in the not too distant future to test the recent lows.—United Press.

Cotton Goods
Market
Review

New York, Feb. 24.

New business in the cotton goods trade continued at a slow pace in this holiday-shortened week.

The grey and finished goods trade adjourned business on Thursday night for the weekend national observance of Washington's birthday anniversary.

Despite the market's failure to get out of the trading rut into which it slipped last autumn analysts detected three developments which may play a big part in shaping the trend of events before too long.

Much significance was attached to: 1. A consistent mill rejection of low bids sizable amounts of print cloths; 2. A growing of producer determination to cut production rather than let prices any more; 3. A developing scarcity of supplies on a few print constructions.

Many mills gave a flat "no" to bids for a substantial amount of key print cloths at below going levels. The basic 80-square four-yard print was in liberal demand at 18 cents for last half 1957 delivery. But producers, setting up a bold front, held for no less than 18 1/2 to 19 1/2 cents a yard. Producers said that to do otherwise would only mean "doing more business at less profit."

GROWING SCARCITY

The print situation also featured a growing scarcity on the 39 inch 4 7/8 yard number for quick delivery. Practically no spot goods were to be found in either first or second hands. Where small yardages turned up, buyers quickly paid to get hold of spot goods.

Cotton sales yarn spinners reported increasing buyer pressure for lower prices, particularly in the medium count. Meanwhile, trading in carded combed constructions continued spotty with some spinners preferring to work off backlogs rather than sell odd lots for "quick" at depressed prices. Prices for consulting yarns softened noticeably as the copper market weakened in face of a contracting demand from the wire trade.—United Press.

Sterling Dominates
London Stocks

By C. T. HALLINAN

London, Feb. 24.

Sterling has dominated the week. There has been continued uneasiness over the Middle East and some nervousness at the spectacle of the Wall Street Dow-Jones industrial average trying to climb up from its 12-month's low. But the main preoccupation has been with the currency and with the balance of payments which makes it strong or weak.

It was very encouraging to see Britain's export of manufactured goods reach an all-time high in 1956, up nearly 10 per cent in value and nearly 8 per cent in volume, but rather disconcerting to learn that the rival manufacturing countries—Europe and the USA—showed in the first three quarters of last year a collective rise of 15 per cent in value and 11 per cent in volume.

Markets accordingly were rather subdued—not frightened but troubled.

Unreal Gains

Over the week the leading industrials were bought by optimists but they were very choosy in their selections. Montague Burton, the big chain store clothing concern, has a future approved of by the experts and its shares climbed nearly 8 shillings this week. Shares of Marks and Spencer, another chain-store outfit which has showed a sharp recovery, saw a rise of 2 shillings 6 pence, as did also Rolls Royce. A long list of blue chips were up by amounts ranging from 6 pence to 1 shilling 6 pence.

One had one of their huge duckations during the week which resulted in some rather unusual gains. They carry such colossal investments that they must walk steadily without ever staggering, but they have been staggering ever since Colonel Nasser's speech on July 26. This particular week, making a sharp recovery from several sharp falls, saw Royal Dutch up 19 shillings 6 pence compared with a week ago. Shell up 6 shillings 6 pence. Anglo-Egyptian "B" up 3 shillings, and British Petroleum up 2 shillings.

On the other hand, the 1 1/2 sterling to £1, British Governments had no common trend with some up as much as 1/4 sterling and some down one-fourth sterling.

German non-assented were down mostly, with the 7 per cent Polish down one sterling. The Young Loan down three-fourths and the Old Dawes Loan down 1/2. Japanese were very much wanted. The assented of the non-assented 1/2 of the non-assented of the 1956 rose 1 1/2 sterling. There were rises of 1/2 or 3/4 sterling scattered around. Chinese bonds lost a few shillings.

Dollar stocks displayed characteristic variability. Shell Oil jumped 7 points, Chrysler 5 1/2 points and Standard Oil of New Jersey nearly 2 points. But Bethlehem Steel, usually the large one, gained only 3 points.—United Press.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$24,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HONGKONG BANK	1005	1020	10 1/2 @ 940
HSBC			5 @ 405
Union			
Lombard			
SHIPPING			
Waterboat (O)			500 @ 22.50
Yankee			650 @ 21 1/2
Whitlock (N)			3000 @ 6 1/2
DOCKERS, ETC.			
K. Wharf			99 101
Providence (C)			13.50 13.40
AND, ETC.			
Harbin			15.00 15.70
HK Land			64 04 1/2
Relty			1.375 1.42 1/2
RUBBER			
Anale KD			1.375 1.425
Trust			610 @ 1.00
Singapore			94c
UTILITIES			
Tram			23 23.20
Star Ferry			100 100
Yankee			100 107
C. Light			22.00 23
Electric			31 31 1/2
Macao E			0.70
Tel. (O)			35 1/2 35.80
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement			30 37 1/2
Harbin			12.50
SARGES, ETC.			
Dairy			10.10 10.20
Watson			14.20 14.30
Land			25.50
COTTONS			
Textile			4.55 4.70
Nanyang			8.25 8.35
INVESTMENTS			300 @ 0.25
Emirate			5.85 6.05 1000 @ 0.

The Bank Of France
Statement

Paris, Feb. 24.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Feb. 14, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	30,204,502,420
Other currencies	14,126,632,410
Notes	10,115,000,000
Sign balance abroad	32,071,000,000
In EU	26,000,000,000
Advance to States	1,000,000,000
Bank notes in circulation	2,979,410,793,200
Current account	145,870,880,930
deposits	—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	16.15
Sterling notes (per £1)	10.15
Australian notes (per £1)	12.02
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	17.50
Bank local (per 100)	25.70
Singapore (Straits)	1.80

The dollar values of US exports to the Soviet bloc in the first nine months of 1956 were: Russia 1,322,000,000 dollars; Poland 23; Czech 14; Hungary 44,000; Rumania 404,000; East Germany 251,000; Bulgaria 84,000; Albania, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, none.

The dollar values of US imports from Iron Curtain countries were: Poland and Danzig 232 million; Russia 11.5; East Germany 4.3; Czechoslovakia 109.5; Hungary 109.5; Bulgaria 317,000; Rumania 253,000; Albania 92,000; Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, none.—United Press.

FEW GOODS GO
BEHIND
IRON CURTAIN

By ROBERT F. COLL

Washington, Feb. 24.

Despite the easing of trade regulations, only a trickle of goods filtered through the Iron Curtain last year, the government reported today.

Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks said that during the first nine months of 1956 the United States imported goods worth 48 million from Russia and her eastern European satellites.

The Soviet bloc during the entire year received only 10 million from this country or less than half the total licensed for shipment.

Mr. Weeks said the big gap between the 24.3 million licensed for shipments by the government and the amount actually received was only partially due to the time lag in such currencies between orders placed and actually received.

He said that even after Soviet bloc nations place orders for goods which were licensed for shipment by the government, financial and other factors often blocked the transactions.

The Commerce Secretary pointed that while this country bought almost five times as much from the Soviet bloc as it purchased here, the Red trade amounted to less than one-tenth of one per cent of the total US imports.

Halted
American trade with Communist China and North Korea was halted during the Korean war and never resumed.

Mr. Weeks also cited the total of only \$200,000 shipped to the Red bloc under relaxed rules in effect last April in the wake of a mutual agreement on free trade between the Soviet Union and the United States.

He also pointed that American firms have become more select in their purchases from Red nations. The foreign import leaders are canned hams and other pork products and benzene, a fuel and solvent derived from coal.

Weeks said that during the last quarter of 1956 the largest single export item was a \$1,550,000 printing press destined for Russia. Also included in exports for the period was \$432,000 worth of drugs, chiefly for revolt-torn Hungary.

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He emphasized that the effort to subvert the old shortage in Europe and the question of price increases were separate matters, "basically not related."

"Whether it (the increase) should have come precisely when it did and coinciding with the European emergency, may be debatable," he said. "A price in the range made had been inevitable for some time."

NEW YORK RAW COTTON EXPORTS
New York, Feb. 24.
Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-57 to Feb. 15 were:

Britain	2,147,725
Continental	1,147,725
Orient	1,147,725
Canada	1,147,725
Total for season	4,591,900
Sales period last year	4,591,900

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1957.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Surprise, Surprise

THE first surprise came for the young soldier when he pressed down the tap labelled "Cold," above the wash-basin in the Scotch express. Water that might have been piped direct from the engine's boiler gushed out on to his free hand. As he nursed his finger-tips and glowered around him, the young soldier's eyes lit on surprise number two. On a shelf by the wash-basin, a diamond ring glittered.

The soldier, whose name was Malcolm, picked up the ring, examined it, dismissed from his head a number of wild ideas that flashed through it, restored the ring, and returned to his compartment.

THE PAWN BROKER
As he sat there, the wild ideas mustered their forces again and attacked. This time, Malcolm's better nature was routed. He returned to the washroom. The ring was still there. He pocketed it.

Three days later, Malcolm hurriedly crept into a pawnbroker's shop. "How much on this ring?" he asked. The ring had been listed as missing. The pawnbroker called the police. Malcolm was brought to London, to Clerkwell court, and with him came his company officer.

AN ASSET
"GUILTY," Malcolm said, when the charge was read. He is a dark, lean, 23-

Krupp Critical

Essen, Feb. 24. Alfred Krupp, head of the Krupp works, accused the West German Government today of financially sabotaging the expansion of West German industry in underdeveloped countries. Speaking at a plant administration meeting at his home, Krupp said it was "particularly deplorable that the Federal Government and the Central Bank make the financing of our great undertakings abroad difficult or impossible." — France-Press.

year-old, and he hung his head in shame as the story was told to the magistrate, Mr. E. G. Robey, Malcolm's officer rose. "This man has an excellent character," he began. "He is quite outstanding in the orderly room where he works. He is an asset..." He developed his theme to the full. Malcolm was fined £10. The Army would see that his pay was stopped to produce the money, the officer said. And no doubt the arrangement would be conducted with smooth efficiency—through the orderly room, with Malcolm as his own assistant executioner.

SEEKING PRESTIGE

Accra, Gold Coast, Feb. 24. Russia dispatched its key Minister of State Farms today to match US Vice-President Richard M. Nixon at the ceremony proclaiming the birth of Africa's first native negro nation on March 6.

The Communist bloc was bidding for prestige on the occasion. The affable Soviet delegate, V. A. Benediktov, will be joined here by Red Chinese Vice-Premier Marshal Nieh Jung-cheng.

So far Nixon heads the protocol ranking of delegates speaking up for their countries' interests at the March 6 celebration when the British Gold Coast colony becomes the free nation of Ghana.

But Benediktov, one of Soviet Communist chief Nikita Khrushchev's top aides, is a diplomatic as well as an agricultural expert. Benediktov left Moscow this morning by air for Accra via London. Later today China's Nieh Jung-cheng arrived in Moscow en route to the Ghana celebrations.

Their early departures, two weeks before Nixon's, hinted the importance the Communists attach to making friends in the new state. — United Press.

KISHI BECOMES JAPAN'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

Tokyo, Feb. 25.

Pro-Western Nobusuke Kishi was elected Prime Minister of Japan today.

He succeeded Tanzan Ishibashi, ruddy-faced economic expert who resigned Saturday because of ill-health after two months in office.

Japan's Parliament, dominated by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, voted Kishi into office over Socialist Party Chairman Mosaburo Suzuki, a token candidate. Kishi, who was Foreign Minister under Ishibashi and was Acting Premier during his illness, immediately moved into the Prime Minister's official residence to name his Cabinet.

This was a formality, however, since he had already decided to retain — until the Liberal Democratic Party Convention on March 10, at least — the Cabinet he inherited from Ishibashi with minor additions.

No change is anticipated in the Liberal Democratic government's policy of friendship with the West and close relations with Asia, nor in the policy of developing trade with Communist China to the limit permitted by the free world embargo policy.

Kishi has decided to make Mitsuzumi Ishii, former member of ex-premier Shigeru Yoshida's liberals, Minister without Portfolio in the new Cabinet.

For the time being, he was expected to retain the post of Foreign Minister himself. A thorough Cabinet reorganization was expected after the Party Convention next month.

The Cabinet was to be invested into office by Emperor Hirohito at the Imperial Palace tonight.

Kishi, at 60, is considered young for the Prime Minister's post, but he has had more experience as an official and politician than many of the postwar premiers who preceded him.

His receding chin and big eyes, give him a deceptively mild appearance, but Kishi has long been regarded as one of the shrewdest and most ambitious men in Japan today. Associates consider him a man of action. He himself has emphasized the value of personal diplomacy by direct conversations. — United Press.

US TRADE MISSION

Singapore, Feb. 25.

An American government-sponsored trade development mission will visit Singapore and the Federation of Malaya from May 19 to April 8 next in the course of a Southeast Asian tour, it was disclosed here.

The five-man mission, which will include one Department of Commerce official, will be the first of its kind to visit Malaya since the war and it will lay the basis for increased trade between the two countries, a spokesman of the US Consulate-General here said.

He added that while in Malaya, members of the mission will hold informal conversations with officials of the various Chambers of Commerce, leading industrialists and government officials on such questions as US foreign trade policies, reciprocal trade agreements, food and drug administration regulations, rubber problems and shipping and investments.

RUBBER POLICY
They will also be prepared to discuss the particular problems of individual businessmen and will welcome opportunities to meet them.

Regarding US rubber policy in Malaya is keenly interested, the spokesman said that the mission would certainly have talks with Malayan rubber producers on the rubber policy.

The United States, he added, was naturally interested in the economic well-being of Malaya and other producers of natural rubber. But, he said, natural output was not enough to meet total world rubber needs.

From Malaya, the mission will leave for Hongkong. — France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I was giving physical culture exercises on the radio — they finally switched the programme to TV!"

TSUN WAN RIOTS TRIAL

Detective Identifies Four Accused

A detective at the Criminal Sessions this morning identified four of 19 young men charged with rioting as having been among the mobs at Tsun Wan on October 11.

Mr Justice C. W. Reece and an all-male Special Jury are hearing the case.

The accused are Wong Shek-chun, Leung Yik, Chong Shek-shun, Lau Wai-keung, Yuen Wing-sum, Ko Pui-kong, Yiu Chung-tai, Chung Yuen-pak, Lam Pui-tao, Mau Man-keung, Cheung Yiu-yin, Leung Chee-hung, Yip Kam-hung, Chu Sang-foon, Chong Tung Leung, Chung Tsang Yiu-man, Chiu Noi and Chan Sai-hung.

The first 15 are charged with rioting outside the South Textiles Factory on October 11. All the accused, except the 12th, are charged with rioting on October 11 outside the Pao Hsing cotton mills.

The first six accused are further charged with rioting outside the Tsun Wan Police Station on October 12. The 15th and 16th accused are charged with rioting outside the Kowloon Textiles Corporation Factory on October 12.

Mr W. S. Collier and Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Mr M. O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr V. L. J. D'Alton is defending 10th accused instructed by H. E. Woo and Co. and the remaining accused on instructions of P. L. Lam and Co.

DISPERSE ORDER

DPC 2089, Wong Hong, testified that on October 11 he went with a Police party under Inspector Moss to the Pao Hsing mills at about 5.30 p.m.

There was a large and disorderly crowd outside the factory. The Inspector called on the crowd to disperse. The crowd told the Inspector that it was none of his business.

Witness said the crowd eventually managed to get into the factory. He himself remained at the gate.

Wong identified the third, fourth, eighth and 10th accused as members of the crowd. He spoke at different times to the third, fourth and eighth accused and told them to go home, he said, but they told him to mind his own business.

SLOGAN SHOUTED
Witness said he saw Chong Tung, the 10th accused, who shouted "Final victory will be ours. Ten thousand years for the Chinese Republic." This crowd repeated what he shouted.

Cross-examining, Mr D'Alton asked witness if he was present in Court during committal proceedings after he had finished giving his evidence there.

Wong replied that he returned to Court the following day and the day after that also. Before he gave his evidence in the lower Court, he said, he finished his turn outside the factory, but some days, he could not remember exactly how many.

ERNST MURDER: APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTIONS

Four men who were convicted of the murder of Mrs Ursula Margareta Ernst, wife of a Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate, and sentenced to death, appealed against their conviction before the Full Court comprising the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, this morning.

Originally five men, including the four appellants were on trial, but the fifth accused person was found not guilty and discharged.

Mrs Ernst died of burns two days after the taxi in which she and her husband were travelling was overturned and set on fire by a mob at the junction of Talpo Road and Castle Peak Road on the afternoon of October 11 last year, during the Kowloon riots. Mr Ernst was also burned.

The four appellants are Tse Sang, alias Li Fuk, 28, unemployed; Choi Kwok-fai, 27, unemployed; Li Chuen, 31, hawker; and Lee Shu-wing, 20, earth cooler.

First, third and fourth appellants are represented by Mr Terence Shurlock, and Mr Hin Hing-ling appears for the second accused, both on the instructions of Messrs Peter Mo and Company.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, appears for the Crown (respondents), assisted by Mr W. B. Scragg, Superintendent of Police.

GROUND OFS OF APPEAL
Mr Shurlock told the Court that on January 21 before Mr Justice Scholze and a Special Jury five persons were indicted for the murder of Mrs Ernst on October 13 last year. The Jury returned verdicts of guilty against the then first, third, fourth and fifth accused (the present appellants) and a verdict of not guilty against the second accused.

Counsel said that the three appellants for whom he appeared had applied to their Lordships for leave to appeal against conviction. There were 10 grounds of appeal which Counsel read as follows:

1. That the appellants were falsely accused and wrongly convicted.

2. That the verdict was unreasonable or cannot be supported having regard to the evidence.

3. That the learned Trial Judge wrongfully admitted evidence of an allegedly similar act subsequent to the act charged as showing system.

FAILED TO WARN
4. That the learned Trial Judge failed to warn the jury that the evidence of an allegedly similar act subsequent to the act charged was wholly inadequate and solely that of an accomplice whose evidence was uncorroborated.

5. That the learned Trial Judge wrongfully admitted in evidence the cautioned statement and the answers to the charge of murder which were made by appellants Nos. 3 and 4.

6. That the learned Trial Judge failed to put to the jury the defence that the Prosecution had not proved beyond reasonable doubt that the alleged murder was the result of a common design.

7. That the learned Trial Judge failed to warn the jury that it is not the duty of the Police to suggest to a person in custody that they have evidence of his guilt and that the Police were in breach of duty in showing to appellant No. 3 a photograph of the scene of the alleged crime and asking him whether he was able to identify himself as being shown on that photograph.

EVIDENCE WITHHELD
8. That the learned Trial Judge failed to warn the jury that the Prosecution deliberately withheld from the jury evidence of those identification parades on which no person was identified and that this failure on the part of the Prosecution tended to show that the evidence having regard to the identification of the appellants was open to the gravest suspicion.

9. That the learned Trial Judge failed to stress adequately the full circumstances in which the Prosecution witness No. 18 saw exhibit photograph No. 28 before attending an identification parade and that the improper use to which this photograph was put tended to show that the evidence of the witness was open to the gravest suspicion.

10. That the learned Trial Judge wrongfully permitted the Crown to put in evidence the photograph of the appellant No. 18, which was taken on October 11, 1956, at the time of the murder.

Mr J. T. Morris went to the Kowloon Hospital prisoners ward this morning, and heard a murder charge read and explained to a 30-year-old Wong Yik, alias Johannes Yik Wong, who is alleged to have murdered Miss Terence Sano, a Japanese, on February 20 in Victoria.

The accused, whose address was given as 6 Third Street, Central, was formally remanded for 24 hours.

Radio Hongkong

8.30. Talking about Teaching. Listeners' Magazine (BBC); 8.45. Listeners' Magazine (BBC); 9.00. Condo. by Victor Old; 9.15. Signal. Summary; 9.30. Henri. Rene and his Orchestra with Vocal by Dinah Shore and Tony Martin; 9.45. Classical Requests presented by David White; 10.00. The News; 10.15. Commentator or Stop Press item; 10.30. The News; 10.45. The News; 10.55. The News; 11.00. The News; 11.15. The News; 11.30. The News; 11.45. The News; 12.00. The News; 12.15. The News; 12.30. The News; 12.45. The News; 1.00. The News; 1.15. The News; 1.30. The News; 1.45. The News; 2.00. The News; 2.15. The News; 2.30. The News; 2.45. The News; 3.00. The News; 3.15. The News; 3.30. The News; 3.45. The News; 4.00. The News; 4.15. The News; 4.30. The News; 4.45. The News; 5.00. The News; 5.15. The News; 5.30. The News; 5.45. The News; 6.00. The News; 6.15. The News; 6.30. The News; 6.45. The News; 7.00. The News; 7.15. The News; 7.30. The News; 7.45. The News; 8.00. The News; 8.15. The News; 8.30. 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